

Earth Day

Earth Day in America was first celebrated in 1970 as a modern day environmental movement. Brooks has several activities planned to commemorate Earth Day 2001.

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Working couple

No matter if it's home or work, this husband and wife are never too far apart. The two work in nearby cubicles at the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence.

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Old friends reunite

Their Brooks Field memories remain vivid after more than a half century since they first witnessed the aviation activities of a by-gone era.

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Fiesta San Antonio 2001 is just days away. There are a lot of things to see and do. There's no shortage of fun here. Check out the schedule of public events.

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Through the many Facets of Aerospace Medicine

DCOM team earns base's highest honor

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

Although their professionalism precludes them from becoming 'terrorized' by potential biological threats, the Development Center for Operational Medicine Team was shocked when they discovered they had earned Brooks AFB's highest award.

Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd Jr., 311th Human Systems Wing commander, presented the Commander's Award to the DCOM team in a recent ceremony that surprised everyone in the 10-member organization except its director Col. Rasa Silenas.

It was Silenas who nominated the team for the award and who was informed in advance that the unit had been selected for the honor. "The DCOM Team has done a fantastic job in leading the charge in the realm of the U.S. Air Force's Homeland Defense initiative. Team DCOM stepped up and took a concept to a full-up, robust and exciting training and awareness program that will perpetuate military-civilian integration in response to the threat of bio-terrorism."

The team earned the award on the strength of its participation in "Operation Alamo Alert," a biological terrorism response exercise held Jan. 28 - Feb. 2 at Lackland AFB. The purpose of the exercise was to provide a venue to examine local, state and federal biological plans, with emphasis on the city of San Antonio Biological Terrorism Response Plan, explained Col. George Small, DCOM deputy director.

"Operation Alamo Alert" was sponsored by the Texas National Guard, Region 8 of the Texas Department of Health and the city of San Antonio. Silenas said the exercise tested city, county, state and federal response to a contagious (simulated) biological agent.

Team DCOM assisted the Texas National Guard by planning and facilitating the exercise in conjunction with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District and the Texas Department of Health, Region 8.

Beside Silenas and Small, Team DCOM includes Lt. Col. Awilda Ciuro, Lt. Col. William "Buck" Dodson, Lt. Col. Tom Rappy, Maj. Keith Groth, Master Sgt. Joseph Weston, Master Sgt. Joseph Colunga, Terry Carlisle and Elaine Lloyd-Wright.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Pedro Ybanez

Getting a grip on fitness

Second Lt. Joann Kenneally, 311th Human Systems Program Office, starts her annual cycle ergometry assessment. The ergo test precedes the muscular fitness tests. Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Michael E. Ryan, approved the addition of muscle fitness testing, push-ups and crunches to the Air Force's annual fitness test. See related story on Page 4.

Commander seeks ideas for Millennium Project

By Rudy Purificato
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As plans finalize for the dedication of the Millennium time capsule in May, the 311th Human Systems Wing commander wants the Brooks community to take ownership of the project by providing ideas that may resurface for a new generation in 50 years.

"I want to give the people 50 years in the future a sense of what Brooks was like," said Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd Jr. during a recent planning meeting with the Millennium Project committee. Dodd launched the project last August to showcase the base's current contributions to the 21st Century Air Force.

While the committee has received several suggestions via its web site concerning what to put in the time capsule, Dodd wants to give the Brooks community another opportunity to provide suggestions.

"This is the people's project," he said, explaining that he wants those who live and work at Brooks to consider these questions when making their suggestions — "What documents, pictures or statements should go into the capsule? If you were to place a small object other than a coin in the time capsule, what would it be that embraces the spirit of the base, your unit or yourself?"

April 20 is the deadline for making suggestions via e-mail to committee chairman Master Sgt. Dan Meadows. Meadows' e-mail address is in the base directory as a member of the 311th Human Systems Wing Program Office.

The time capsule will be buried near the Brooks Memorial at Hangar 9 on May 23.

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Computer security real threat, SPACECOM chief says

By Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The four-star general whose organization is responsible for Department of Defense computer security says the "cyber" threat against U.S. military information systems is real.

"My view is that as we look at our computer systems, we'd be kidding ourselves if we thought they weren't vulnerable," said Air Force Gen. Ralph Eberhart, U.S. Space Command commander in chief.

Eberhart's command assumed responsibility for computer network defense in 1999, he said. The following year, it picked up the mission of computer network attack.

Today's threats against DoD — and private-sector — computer systems run the spectrum from the curious, bored high school or college student to state-sponsored 'cyber' war or computer network attack, he said.

DoD computer security experts "look at the (threat) capabilities that we know are out there," Eberhart said, adding, "we're never quite clear what the intent

is." For example, he cited the difficulty in determining "whether this is a virus, whether this is a prank, whether this is sort of an innocuous probe or whether this is really somebody trying to destroy our network, deny us information, or worse yet, give us the wrong information."

Eberhart noted that DoD and private-sector security specialists are also concerned and vigilant about "insider" threats to computer information systems. Such threats can range from espionage by agents working for foreign governments or rival corporations to acts by disgruntled employees.



Courtesies should be second nature

By Lt. Col. Robert Taylor
66th Services Squadron Commander

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. (AFMCNS) — Count me among the millions of Americans who profess a deep pride in their family heritage, to include where they are from and more importantly, how they were brought up.

Being from the deep South (New Orleans), I tend to brag a lot about the things I'm most familiar with and, if you'll excuse the expression, I find it better there than anywhere else.

For example, you'd be hard pressed to convince me that you could find better food anywhere in the world. Don't even attempt to tell me you can find a bigger party than the Mardi Gras.

New Orleans also happens to play host to what has to be the best football team in the NFL. OK, maybe I go a bit too far with the football example; however, I stand firmly behind the others.

One aspect of life in the South that I feel fortunate not to have lost is southern etiquette or as my mother would say "plain ole good manners." It was part of my upbringing to say Sir or Ma'am and to address my elders by their titles: Mister, Miss or Mrs.

To greet a perfect stranger with "hello" or how are you (actually pronounced — "How-ya-doin") was standard protocol. I do, however, suggest you not try that on any strangers in downtown Boston or New York.

The courtesies taught to me in childhood are related to and directly reflected in current military courtesies. However, in the Air Force, there is one major difference, military courtesies are mandatory and failure to comply can result in disciplinary actions.

Air Force Drill, The Military Publishing Co., 1957, defines courtesies as the expression of considerations for others. It pays

the largest returns for the least effort of anything one can do.

In military life, where individuals are required to live and work together more intimately than in civilian life and where cooperative effort is all important, courtesy is of vital importance in promoting coordination and developing a proper esprit-de-corps.

All too often these days, we seem to get wrapped up in what we consider the big things; accomplishing the mission with 100 percent accuracy with 50 percent of the resources, meeting those 10 suspenses due today, all of which have been described to you as the number one priority.

We sometimes forget that what separates us from our civilian counterparts is not only our mission of arms, but the small things involved in the way we conduct and present ourselves.

When we wear the uniform, we must remember that each one of us is a poster for our profession. As such, we should

always make sure our uniforms fit properly and are in good repair.

When that blue shirt becomes somewhat of a faded aqua-green, it's time to get a new one. It's also time for those working around that individual to step forward and kindly remind them they are out of uniform.

When you can no longer see that belt buckle, get a bigger belt, a larger pair of pants or better yet, start making a series of trips to your sports and fitness center to exercise.

You'd be amazed at what a little hard work in the exercise room can do for those pant seams.

Another important courtesy to remember is taking the time to address your colleagues by

their proper rank. This should be done for those just completing their first day of basic training as well as those long since retired. They have earned their rank through hard work and dedicated service to our country.

Also, say hello the proper military way-salute. Military men and women have greeted each other with a salute from as far back as the Middle Ages.

It's a proud tradition that embodies a great deal of who we are and what we stand for. Therefore it should be executed properly every time.

Allow me to share a couple of observations from recent experiences.

The salute does not now nor has it ever resembled a Florida State Football game (Tomahawk movement).

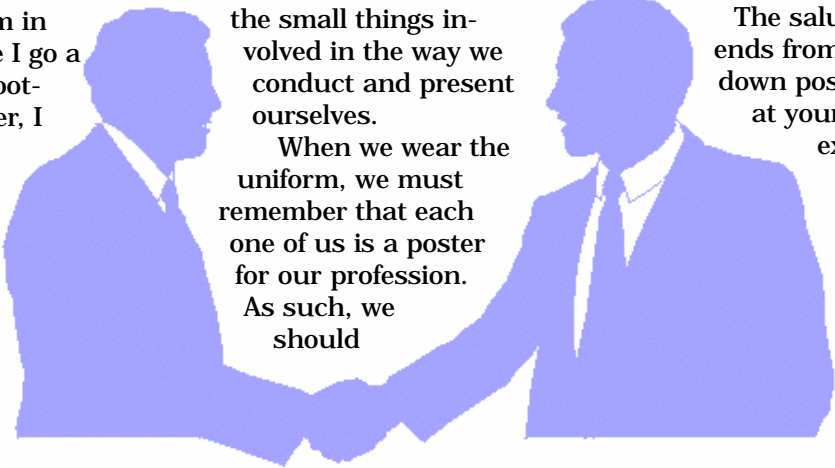
The salute begins and ends from the natural down position of the arm at your side and is executed with sharp movements. A poor salute reflects lack of pride in the military profession of which we are all a part.

Finally, contrary to

popular opinion, avoiding eye contact does not relieve one of the responsibility of rendering a salute. Salute if the individual receiving the salute is recognizable, not to exceed 30 paces.

Don't be the one guilty of "bad manners." Remember that military customs and courtesies are the foundation of our proud military tradition and should be shown to all, up and down the chain.

Just as good southern etiquette and manners were instilled as important values when I was growing up and therefore became second nature, so should a proper salute, wear of the uniform, and military courtesies be "second nature" to each and everyone of us in the profession of arms.



Seat belt proves vital in surviving vehicle accident

By Danny Cable
81st Training Group

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AETCNS) — Following a good day at work recently, I was fortunate to be able to go home an hour early. My wife left her job at

5 p.m. and was driving home.

I was already home watching television and deciding what I was going to do that evening when the phone rang. It was my wife. She said she was in an accident and wanted me to come and get her.

I asked if she was OK, and she said, "No, I'm not." I immediately went to the scene of the accident, about a quarter mile from our house. I was shocked by the damage to her car. Another driver ran a stop sign and struck my wife's car causing it to crash into a light pole. The front end was crushed.

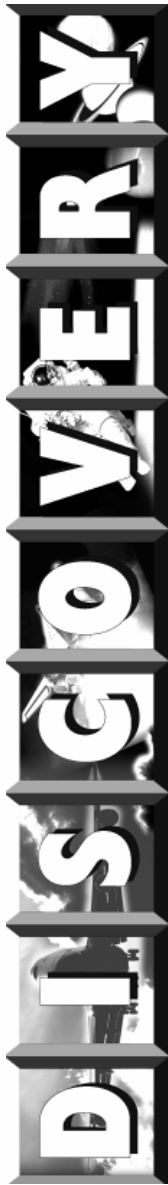
My wife was still in the car. Her door was jammed and she couldn't get it open. I asked how she was. She said, "Look at my

foot." It was dislocated. The ambulance eventually arrived and she was taken to the hospital emergency room. Her right leg, ankle and foot were broken in six places; she had multiple bruises and was in a lot of pain.

But things could've been a lot worse. Her seat belt and air bag saved her life.

We take so much for granted and have a tendency to joke about the safety messages that bombard us. I'm thankful the Air Force continues to stress safety.

My wife had to wear a full-leg cast and missed at least six weeks of work. However, she's alive and recovering because she was prepared for that accident ... because she wore her seat belt.



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Brooks plans Earth Day 2001 commemoration

By Rudy Purificato

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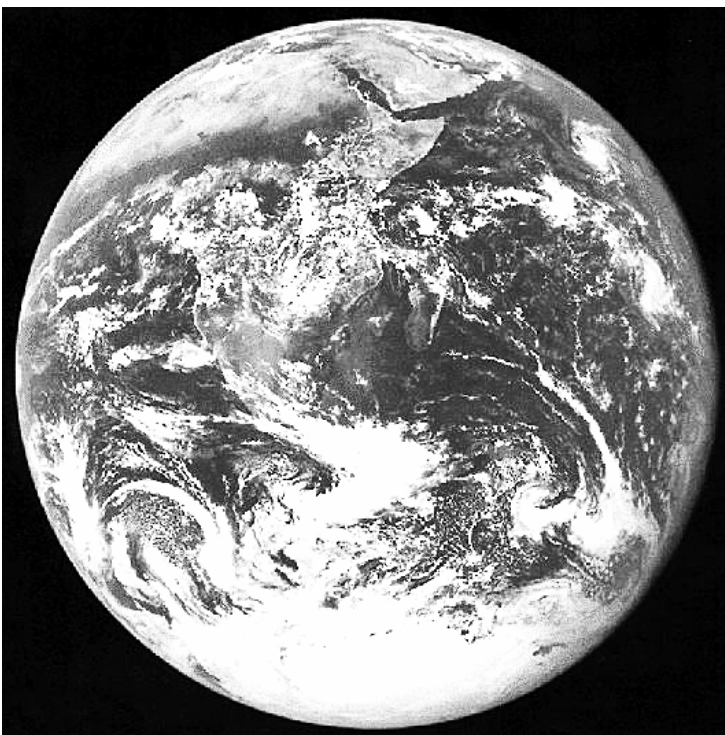
Singer Carole King's lyrics "I hear the earth move under my feet, I see the sky tumbling down," were never intended as an ecological anthem. Yet the words to her classic song may well describe the sense of urgency Brooks volunteers have regarding their contributions to the upcoming national Earth Day commemoration.

"Our theme for this year is 'restore the ecosystem balance; it's our future'," said Rhonda Hilla, Brooks Earth Day project officer. Volunteers from various base organizations will try to fulfill that theme with several activities during the week of April 16-21.

Earth Day in America was inaugurated in 1970 as a consequence of the modern environmental movement.

The first national commemoration was a watershed event, helping launch the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and subsequent passage of such landmark legislation as the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act.

Brooks was among some of the first Air Force installations stateside to actively advocate environmental initiatives such as developing its own recycling program.



Historically Brooks volunteers' most visible Earth Day contribution is planting trees.

"We have several tree planting ceremonies planned, including the Arbor Day ceremony on April 17 at 2 p.m. when Brig. Gen. Lloyd Dodd will help plant a tree," Hilla said.

The Child Development Center, the Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis and the Air Force Research Laboratory also plan to have tree planting ceremonies.

Brooks has planted many trees over the years, not just during Earth Day celebrations, Hilla noted.

As a result, the base has for the

seventh consecutive year been designated "Tree City U.S.A.," a program sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Mark Peterson, a Texas Forest Service urban forester, is scheduled to participate in the Arbor Day tree planting ceremony with Dodd.

Among other major Earth Day activities planned here is a base-wide clean up on April 18, followed by an 11 a.m. 5K Run/Walk that starts at the fitness center.

Every major base organization is planning some activity devoted to Earth Day, Hilla said.

These activities range from the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine 'sprucing up' the grounds at Bldg. 100 that includes work in the facility's backyard garden to 311th Medical Squadron volunteers conducting Earth Day classes at Inez Foster Elementary School.

Additionally, the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence has designated an area behind their building as a 'wildflower zone.'

For more Earth Day information, promotional material and a schedule of events contact Hilla at 536-2696.

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Next overseas EQUAL set for release May 8

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE (AFPC) — The newest Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing of available enlisted assignments overseas arrives at military personnel flights and on the Air Force Personnel Center's World Wide Web homepage May 8.

This list includes assignments for overseas jobs opening during the January through March 2002 time frame.

Personnel officials recommend assignment preferences be updated by May 18 to ensure the information is in the computer system before actual assignments are released on or about June 4.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements, by Air Force Specialty Code and rank, and gives people a chance to update their assignment preferences to match vacancies that need filling in a particular cycle. Members should review, prioritize and list specifically those assignment options available to them on EQUAL.

Separate listings for assignments available at overseas locations as well as assignments available for those returning from overseas areas are published quarterly.

Special duty assignments appear on EQUAL-Plus and are updated weekly.

Military personnel flights and commanders support staffs will have copies of the listings and can help people update their preferences.

People who are on temporary duty during the advertising period should contact the nearest personnel office for assistance. People can also access the list on the AFPC home page at:

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil



News



Air Force news

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. — Last year, Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Michael E. Ryan, approved the addition of muscle fitness testing, push-ups and crunches, to the Air Force's annual fitness test.

Rather than making the new requirements pass/fail immediately, Ryan directed that between July 2000 and December 2001, muscle fitness testing would be done but not counted.

Pass/fail is set to begin in January 2002, with the interim period being used for educational purposes.

"So far results of the muscle fitness testing tell us that preparation is the key," said Lt. Col. Bruce Weaver, chief of Health Promotion Operations at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

"If members add some calisthenics or light strength training to their exercise regimens in preparation for testing, they should have little problem meeting fitness standards."

The Air Force looked at the results of some active duty members who took their ergometry and muscle fitness tests on the same day and found a number who were not able to perform the re-

Push-ups, crunches
to count next year ...

Are you READY?

By Tech Sgt. Richard Searles

Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

quired amount of crunches or push-ups for their age and gender, Weaver said.

"We expect to see improvements in these numbers once the testing becomes pass/fail in January, 2002," said Weaver. "If people didn't do as well as they expected this year, we think they will try harder to be ready next year when the test counts."

The Air Force expanded its fitness program in order to

comply with the Department of Defense Physical Fitness and Body Fat Procedure instruction that mandates evaluation of cardio-respiratory endurance and muscular strength and endurance annually of active duty members.

Although changes to the Air Force fitness program are being done to comply with DoD standards, Weaver said it's not the only reason things are changing.

"The primary goal of the Air Force's fitness program is to encourage people to be involved in a year-round total fitness program," said Weaver.

"Our program encourages warriors to maintain a fit and healthy lifestyle so airmen are battle ready and with this new emphasis on muscle fit-



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Pedro Ybanez

Senior Airman Dennis Davis, 68th Information Operations Squadron, is in the starting position for the crunch assessment. Crunches are the last assessment in the Air Force Fitness Test.

ness, the active duty force will be stronger and more fit."

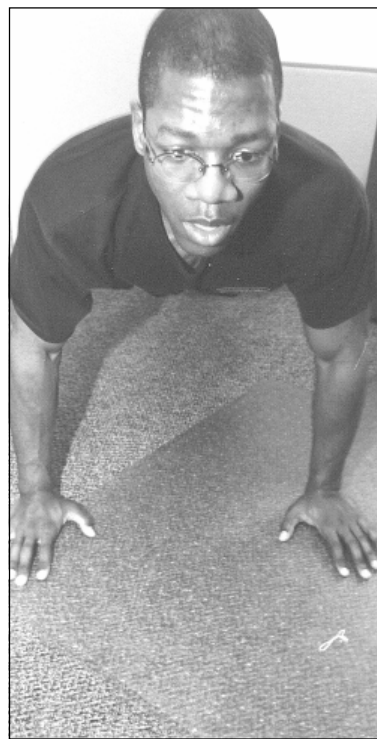
In 1999, eight Air Force bases worldwide volunteered to serve as test sites as the Air Force prepared to add muscular fitness testing to its annual physical fitness assessment.

During that phase, members were asked to do crunches and push-ups in conjunction with their annual cycle ergometry testing.

The data from this testing was used by the Force Enhancement and Fitness Division of the School of Aerospace Medicine and the Air Force Fitness Program Office at Brooks AFB to evaluate the testing procedures and define the final test format.

The number of push-ups and crunches required to meet standards mirrors the Army's passing requirements.

Today, both males and females must do a full body style push-up with the arms flexed at a 90-degree angle in the down position and fully extended in the up position.



Davis is in the "up" position for the push-ups. This is the starting position and the 'rest' position between repetitions. The push-up test is the first assessment in the muscular fitness battery.

“If members add some calisthenics or light strength training to their exercise regimens in preparation for testing, they should have little problem meeting fitness standards.”

Lt. Col. Bruce Weaver

Air Force Medical Operations Agency



NEWS

briefs

Brooks Heritage Foundation scholarships

Applications are now available for the 2001 Brooks Heritage Foundation scholarships. The foundation is offering a \$1,000 P.D. Straw Scholarship and two \$250 student aide scholarships. Deadline for applications is April 30. Eligibility requirements are described on the application. Recipients will be notified no later than May 18.

Applications are available at the Brooks Heritage Foundation office located in Bldg. 659, adjacent to Hangar 9. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information, call 531-9767.

Small business outreach

The Air Force Outreach Program Office will conduct a two-hour presentation on the International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card Program. The outreach event is aimed to small businesses. Learn answers to IMPAC questions such as “Do I meet the requirements?” “Is this program for my business?”, and “How can I participate?”

The presentation will be held April 20, 9-11 a.m., in the AFOPO, Bldg. 511. For information and reservations, contact Alma Trevino at 536-2719. Limited space is available.

April enlisted promotion ceremony

The Brooks enlisted promotion ceremony will be held April 30, 3 p.m. in the Brooks Club. All en-

listed promotees will be recognized for their promotion to the next higher grade for the month of May.

NCO council meetings

All noncommissioned officers and staff sergeant selectees are encouraged to attend Brooks NCO Council meetings. The council meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the chapel annex. Contact Staff Sgt. Angela Anderson at 536-2635 for more information.

Snakes on base

Brooks safety officials remind everyone to be alert for snakes on base. With the warm spring weather, sightings of snakes are becoming more common. Use caution when walking through grassy areas. Report snake sightings to Security Forces.

Breast cancer research volunteers

Wilford Hall Medical Center and Brooke Army Medical Center Hematology/Oncology Clinics are seeking volunteers to participate in a clinical research trial for breast cancer prevention. The Study for Tamoxifen and Raloxifene, or STAR, seeks postmenopausal women who can participate in a five-year study. Contact Cheryl Cook at 292-3978 for more information.

Webmaster opportunity

A volunteer webmaster is needed to revamp the Brooks Heritage Foundation website, which will include adding additional information and gift shop items. Call 531-9767 for details.

Retiree Activities Office

The Brooks RAO serves the needs of retired enlisted and officers members, as well as active duty members preparing for retirement. The office, located in Bldg. 570B, Room 13B, is open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday. Call 536-6418.

Old Crows technical symposium

The Billy Mitchell Chapter of the Association of Old Crows holds its biennial technical symposium Fiesta Crow 01 April 23-25 in the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center. The event is co-sponsored by the Joint Information Operations Center, the Air Force Information Warfare Center, Air Intelligence Agency, 67th Information Operations Wing, Southwest Research Institute and the Alamo Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association. The symposium will feature presentations on the impact to information operations and information warfare by the global economy.

Exhibits will be open April 23, 4-7 p.m., April 24, noon-7:30 p.m. and April 25, 2-5 p.m.

For information on Fiesta Crow 01, call 732-7697 or visit the web site at www.FiestaCrow.com.



Brooks enlisted members sew on new stripes in April

The following Brooks enlisted members sew on new strips during April:

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Air Force Research Laboratory
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Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis

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USAFSAM
Austin Peoples
311th Medical Squadron
Joyce Reichert
AFIERA
Jorge Rodriguezcatalan
AFIERA

TO STAFF SERGEANT:
Heather Rice
USAFSAM
Michele Stephenson
Systems Acquisition School

TO SENIOR AIRMAN:
Teresa Lammie
311th MDS
Linda McClintock
311th Communication Squadron
Terry Rivers
311th Human Systems Wing

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Base takes Air Force HSI training lead

By Richard Young
311th Human Systems Wing

Seventy-five Air Force, Navy and Army members converged recently on Brooks for the first-ever Air Force Human Systems Integration Applications training course. Individuals from commands and organizations as far away as Europe, California, and Florida came here to learn how to effectively integrate the human into the design and acquisition of new weapon and support systems.

A key driver for this training was the recent emphasis being placed on HSI within the acquisition community. Department of Defense Regulation 5000.2-R — Mandatory Procedures for Major Defense Acquisition Programs and Major Automated Information System Acquisition Programs — requires program managers pursue HSI initiatives to optimize total system performance and minimize total ownership costs.

The primary goal of HSI is to optimize how well new systems work, minimizing cost of ownership by considering the human component of the system throughout the acquisition process. HSI looks at how the new system will impact units

once they are fielded in terms of operating, training, maintaining, and sustaining them. Although a dynamic HSI program may result in improvements in operator comfort, the true focus of the program is on increased mission effectiveness.

HSI has seven elements: manpower, personnel, training, human factors engineering, health hazards, system safety, and survivability.

The HSI Applications Course is designed for Air Force military, civilian and defense contract members who develop mission requirements or are involved in the acquisition and life cycle sustainment of weapon systems.

The objective of this specific course was to familiarize the attendees with the seven HSI elements and how HSI fits into the DOD and Air Force acquisition process. The course also covered the structure of an HSI program, the HSI planning process, and the use of analytical support tools.

The HSI office will continue to offer this and other HSI training and support programs for the Air Force acquisition community.

For information on the program, call the HSI office at 536-4464.

Community network, 'roadshow' address issues affecting lives

By Cerise Fenton
311th Human Systems Wing Public Affairs

There's a new program about to hit the streets at Brooks. You may not have heard of the Brooks Community Network and Friends Roadshow, but it's traveling your way. If all goes well, soon everyone will know exactly who the Brooks Community Network is, and how hard they're working to help Brooks.

The network is made up of a team of professionals from the base's helping agencies, including the family support center, counseling services, youth and child services, the health and wellness center and the chapel. They are pooling their resources in an effort to address the issues that affect the lives of the people at Brooks.

The program, called the Integrated Delivery System by the Air Force, was instituted in 1997 as a suicide prevention measure. Although Brooks doesn't necessarily have a suicide problem it does have many of the same issues which put any community of people at risk.

The team's goals are to identify those issues and develop solutions. But the Brooks community is unique. It's comprised of three separate groups: the families who live on base, the permanent party dormitory residents and the people who work on the installation.

According to Cecilia Dominisse, director of the Family Support Center, the Roadshow is an effort to reach all three groups by actually visiting inside the organizations with the first-line supervisors since they are the ones who know what's going on in the work place.

"Supervisors know if they have an employee who's having marital or financial problems, or is under stress," she said. "We want them to know, as a supervisor, they don't have to worry about these things or ignore them because they don't know how to deal with them." With

There's a whole network of professionals they can go to for help, guidance and referral.

So, to reach the supervisors of the folks here, the professionals are taking their messages of support to the community they serve. The Roadshow team will be approaching commanders, asking for their support in reaching the supervisors.

"We're briefing it in certain areas, but to have the commanders call us and say, 'hey, come tell our people what's up', that's the connection we're looking for," said Dominisse. "We want to positively im-

pact the work force by providing a true understanding of the services available."

A project such as this is challenging at any installation, and more so at Brooks. Each of the three groups faces its own set of problems and each requires its own set of solutions. The small number of members who live on base can create a reduced sense of community and feelings of isolation for families in housing.

Permanent party dormitory residents regularly experience referrals to counseling services, disciplinary actions, and decreased morale. The nearly continual changes here creates shifting and displacing of personnel and responsibilities, increasing stress, pressure and anxiety. The uncertainty of how Brooks will be shaped in the future presents added challenges for the entire community.

"There has been a greatly appreciated increased effort to communicate what is occurring, but there are still quite a few unresolved issues that help perpetuate the overall sense of uncertainty," said Capt. Teresa Roberts, the director of counseling services in the family advocacy program.

The whole program boils down to increasing visibility and community identification, Roberts said.

"Basically, we're trying to make us a neighborhood when we're not," she said, "and it's hard to get people to buy off and engage when they're not 100 percent certain."

"We'd like people to know we're trying to enhance our community. We need them to buy back in and support those who are trying to support them," she said. "What we need is feedback."

Hopefully the Roadshow will generate invitations from the different organizations and tenants on base, giving the helping agencies the chance to help, and to introduce the community activities they're planning.

"We don't think the first-line supervisors know about the programs that are available to them as individuals, let alone as a supervisor," said Dominisse.

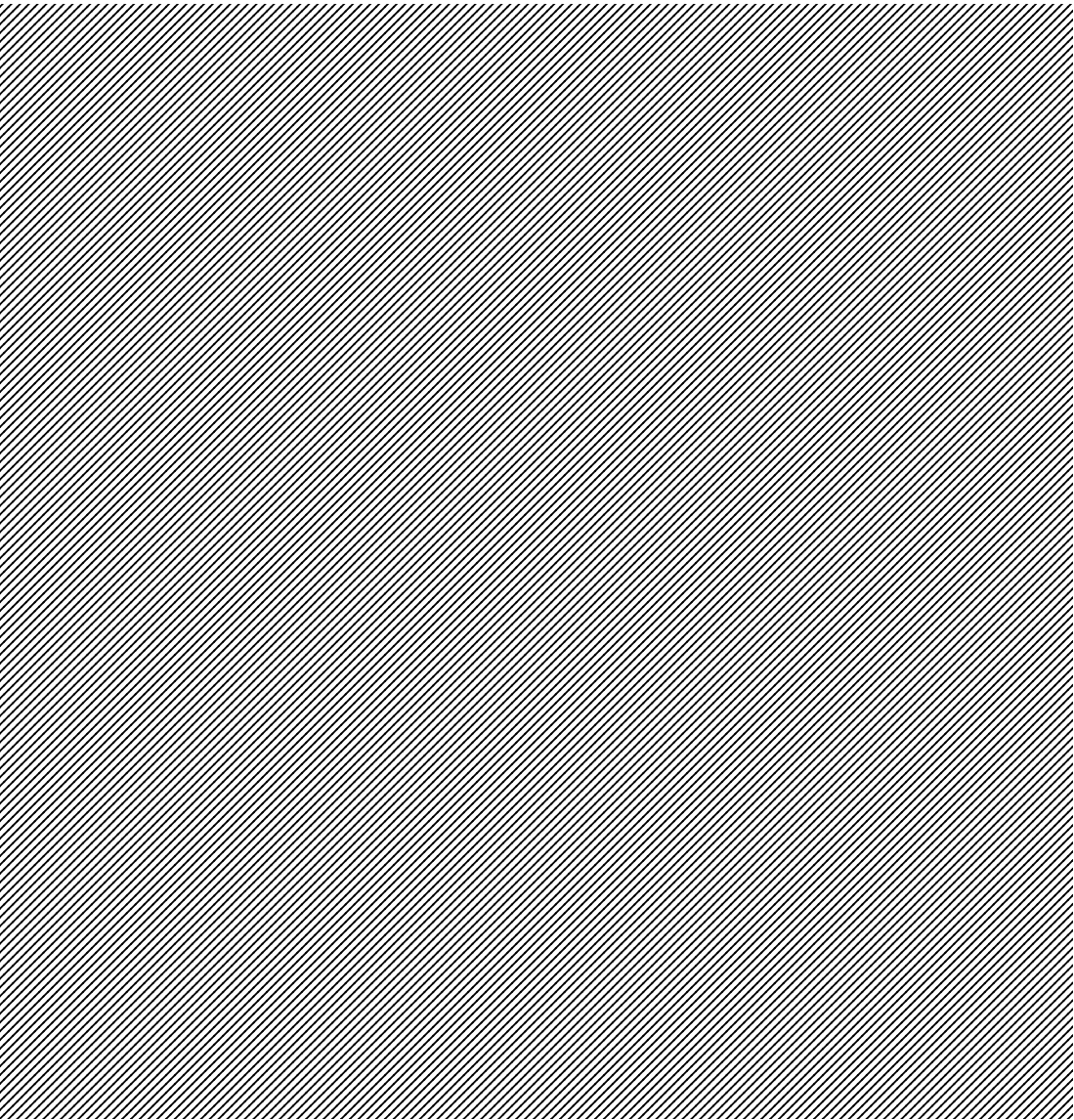
She wants supervisors to keep a close eye on their people and, as importantly, to let the supervisors know they're not alone in dealing with the issues that affect the work place.

"After all," she said, "we know that if you take care of your employees, the job gets done."

"We know we have people out there that need our services, but they're not coming to us, so we're going to them," she said.

The program is about working together to support the Brooks Community. Make sure the chain of command gets these people to you, she urges.

For more information contact Cecilia Dominisse at 536-2444, Tech. Sgt. Roger Kuhlmann at 536-2173 or Capt. Teresa Roberts at 536-3007.





ACTION LINE

536-2222



Brig. Gen. Lloyd E. Dodd Jr.
311th Human Systems
Wing commander

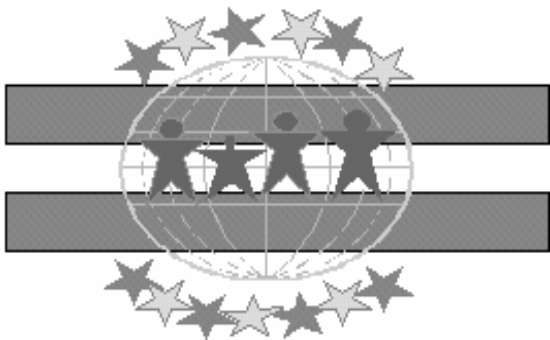
The COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE is your opportunity to make Brooks a better place to live, work and play.

If you have a suggestion for improvement, a complaint or a problem that you have not been able to resolve through normal complaint channels or the chain of command, call the COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE, 536-2222.

Only items of general interest will be published, so please leave your name and number for a personal response.

The base agencies listed below can be contacted directly:

311th Security Forces Squadron.....	536-3310
SFS after duty hours.....	536-2851
311th Civil Engineer Squadron.....	536-3861
311th Communications Squadron.....	536-6571
311th Air Base Group Logistics Division.....	536-3541
Safety.....	536-2111
Housing Maintenance.....	536-7000
Housing Office.....	536-1840
311th Services Division.....	536-2545
311th Medical Squadron (Clinic).....	536-4715
Military Personnel.....	536-1845
Civilian Personnel.....	536-3353
Military Pay.....	536-1851
Civilian Pay.....	536-2823
I.G. (FWA).....	536-2358
Military Equal Opportunity.....	536-2584
EEO Complaints.....	536-3702
Base Exchange.....	533-9161
Commissary.....	536-3549
Brooks City Base Project Office.....	536-6626



Brooks Family Support Center activities

Call 536-2444 for information

Salary negotiations

April 17, 9-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 538 — Don't sell yourself short. Learn the ins and outs of salary negotiation. Topics include myths, mistakes, perks, knowing your "bottom line" and more.

Social Security and you

April 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Bldg. 538 — As you make plans for the future, one of the questions probably asked is, "How much will I get from Social Security?" This class is designed to give attendees an understanding of investment in Social Security, what you need to know about Social

Security while still employed, what you need to know when you become eligible for Social Security and examples of benefits.

Civilian career transition assistance seminar

April 24, 8 a.m.-noon, Bldg. 538 — This seminar will introduce various methods in career exploration, conducting an effective job search both in and outside of the federal government, resume development, interviewing techniques and cover "thank you" letters and more.

Financing a college education

April 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Bldg. 538 — Tuition and room and board for a four-year degree now cost an average of nearly \$40,000 to \$120,000 per child. To meet an obligation of that size, parents need to start saving the day their child is born. This class is designed to teach individuals the true cost of college, strategies to meet college savings goals and how to set up a child's college fund.

Job search

April 26, 9 a.m.-noon, Bldg. 538 — Learn how to tap into the "hidden" job market, research and analyze labor market data, develop a solid network to land that ideal job, identify transferable skills relevant to career interest and utilize on-line resources for career opportunities.





Photo by Rudy Purificato

Bill and Karen Kivela in the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence.

'Togetherness' guides AFCEE couple's careers

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

Some people may get the impression that Bill and Karen Kivela are taking married life's 'togetherness' theme a bit too far. In their situation, however, they're never too close for comfort. Within the workplace maze that characterizes the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence, their office cubicles are close enough for either of them to hear "Honey, got a minute?"

While it's not unusual for government-employed spouses to work for the same organization and perhaps be co-located in the same building, the Kivelas are atypical in that they've been in earshot of one another for most of their careers.

"When we're at work, we purposely don't spend time at each other's cubicle. We go to lunch occasionally, but we keep things in perspective by keeping our relationship professional while at work," said Bill Kivela.

How the pair began following each other along the same career path leading to 'workplace co-habitation' is the stuff that makes for a great American novel.

Their paths first converged at a civil engineers club barbecue while both were attending California Polytechnic State University. "He was the only guy (there) with a sense of humor," recalls Karen, who in 1981 earned a civil engineering degree.

While Bill also earned a civil engineering degree a year later, the pair's other major thing in common was an enduring love for nature and protecting the environment. "I characterize myself as an environmentalist, making the Air Force mission work with the environment," Karen said of her AFCEE duties, complemented by Bill's work as an environmental engineer.

The couple first worked together at Fred Schott and Associates, a civil engineering firm in San Luis Obispo, Calif. "We worked briefly together there among a staff of

about 20 people. We were only two rooms away from each other in the small office (building)," Bill noted. Their close proximity at work eventually resulted in their marriage on July 9, 1983.

"We got laid off together when the bottom fell out of the housing market in the 1980s," Bill admits. The pair made a career decision together. They decided to secure civil service jobs at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. In 1982, Karen began her Air Force career with the 4392nd Civil Engineer Squadron. Bill joined the squadron in 1983 as a construction engineer. The

couples' desks were a mere 50 feet apart.

Then in March 1992, they both received calls from Elbert Tschoepe about new positions with

AFCEE. "We were number one and number two on his hiring list," Karen related. She said they initially accepted jobs with AFCEE as project managers in construction management.

At the time, AFCEE was being established at Brooks AFB. The couple began working here on Friday the 13th in March 1992. For them, it was a lucky day. While they worked in different divisions, their office cubicles were about 50 feet away from each other.

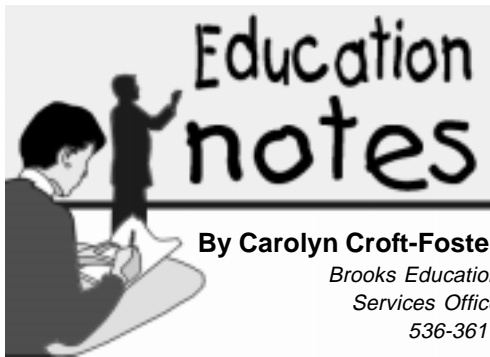
The only time they've been separated occurred in the mid-1990s when the new AFCEE headquarters (Bldg. 532) was built. Karen moved to the new site first.

Only a half-mile separated them on base until Bill moved to the new headquarters in 1998. Today, they're closer than ever: just 25 feet (three office cubicles) separates them.

"The nice thing about working together, however, is that we know all the same people," Bill added.

Both are committed to one another as soul mates and respect one another professionally as engineers. "We are inseparable," said Karen.

(Rudolph.Purificato@brooks.af.mil)



OTS selectees

Staff Sgt. Joshua Rockhill and Senior Airman Ana Santiago-Buedo were recently selected to attend Officer Training School. Rockhill and Santiago are members of the 68th Information Operations Squadron and both were selected for commissions as Communications Officers.



Santiago



Rockhill

Enlisted members who have completed a bachelor's degree or are within 270 days of completion are eligible to apply to OTS. The next deadline for applications is May 15. For more information, call 536-3617 to schedule an appointment.

VEAP conversion to MGIB

Service members who have VEAP accounts are now eligible to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill. Education Services will be contacting those members whose names appear on a list of eligibles. If you believe you are eligible and have not been contacted, contact Education Services, Bldg. 570-C. The next conversion briefing will be held April 16 in Bldg. 570-A. For more information or to schedule to attend a conversion briefing please call 536-3617.

One-year commissioning

Air Force ROTC is offering airmen a chance to simultaneously finish their bachelor's degrees and earn a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Air Force ROTC is offering this opportunity to up to 450 qualified airmen who can complete the one-year program and commission in fiscal 2002. The program is open for all academic degrees.

Those selected are discharged from active duty, enlist in AFROTC within 24 hours and become full-time college students. Airmen accepted in the program who meet certain age and academic requirements will receive a scholarship and other financial assistance provided by AFROTC to pay for tuition and textbooks, as well as provide a monthly stipend.

For more information on this program, stop by the Education Office, Bldg. 570-C, call 536-3617 or visit the website:

<http://webl.maxwell.af.mil/afoats/enlisted>.

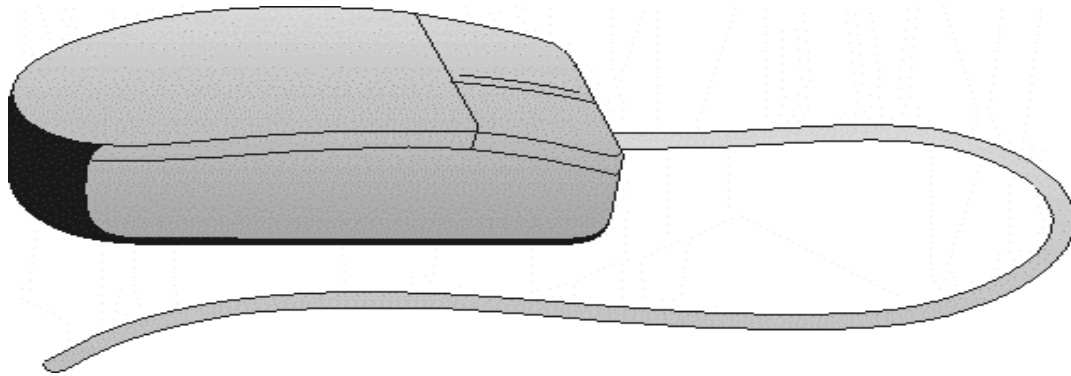
Maymester registration

Palo Alto College offers two Maymester courses at Brooks May 14-June 1. The classes, Speech and Art Appreciation, will be held Monday through Thursday, 4:30-8:30 p.m. To register call 536-3617 to set up an appointment with an Alamo Community College District representative or stop by the Education Office in Bldg. 570 Suite C-1.

OLLU Weekend College

Representatives for Our Lady Of the Lake University undergraduate and graduate Weekend College will be available at the Education Center, Bldg. 570B, April 19, 9-11 a.m.

To obtain more information or to schedule an appointment or campus visit, call 431-3995. Information is also available at: www.ollusa.edu. For graduate program information call Our Lady of the Lake University at 431-3972.



Air Force makes civilian job opportunities a 'click, touch'

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPC) - With the click of a mouse and the touch of a button, the Air Force Personnel Center is making it easier for Civil Service job applicants to apply for vacancies.

Job seekers interested in vacancy announcements advertised by AFPC no longer submit a resume or application for each job they are interested in. Applicants submit one resume in accordance with the AFPC Job Kit, and then apply or self-nominate for specific vacancies using that same resume, according to AFPC officials here.

"The systems are very user-friendly," said Lee McGehee, chief, Delegated Examining Unit/Recruitment Branch at AFPC. "It's basically a three-step process: submit a resume, locate a vacancy of interest and click on the self-nomination button. That's all there is to it."

Once a resume is on file, applicants may self-nominate by logging on to the Civilian Employment website at: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs.

“It's basically a three-step process: submit a resume, locate a vacancy of interest and click on the self-nomination button. That's all there is to it. ”

— Lee McGehee
Air Force Personnel Center

People may also call the the Interactive Voice Response System.

Interested applicants who want to self-nominate by phone can obtain the IVRS number for their area from the above site or by contacting their local Civilian Personnel Flight. Once connected, applicants should follow the prompts to locate a job in which they're interested, and then self-nominate with the touch of a button.

"Currently, the majority of career civilian positions are not advertised. Career civilians are automatically considered for vacancies using geographic location codes previously submitted to their local civilian personnel office or through the Promotion and Placement Referral System," said McGehee.

"That will change sometime this fall when Air Force vacancies will be advertised, and anyone interested in applying for a position will need to self-nominate in order to be considered. Today, vacancies at Charleston, McChord, Holloman, F.E. Warren and Dobbins Air Force Bases are advertised; and interested applicants or career civilians must self-nominate to receive consideration."

After self-nominating, applicants can check the status of vacancies by accessing the employment website or by calling the IVRS number and entering their PIN or UserID and password they created during self-nomination.

Another tool to assist interested applicants is an e-mail subscriber service known as the Civilian Announcement Notification System.

CANS can be accessed through the employment website and provides job information to all applicants interested in vacancy announcements advertised by AFPC.



Good Friday services

Today — 3 p.m., Christian Good Friday Service

Today — 4:30 p.m., Catholic Good Friday Service

Easter services

Sunday — 7 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service at the Brooks Golf Course pond; breakfast will be served at the chapel following the service.

Sunday — 9 a.m., Easter Catholic Mass

Sunday — 10:30 a.m., Easter Christian Service

Life Builders luncheon

Enjoy good food, fellowship and interesting videos and discussions during the "Life Builders" luncheon at noon, Wednesdays, in the Chapel annex. Lunch is provided for a small donation and guest speakers are interspersed with timely videos and other presentations. On April 18, Peggy Starkey, PhD, from the Inter-Religious Association of San Antonio Speaker's Bureau will discuss Yom HaShoah — Holocaust Remembrance Day. The video "Revelation" will be shown April 25.

Family retreat



The Brooks Chapel is joining Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases in sponsoring the "Family Life Retreat" at T-Bar-M Ranch in New Braunfels, June 25-29. AFMC and the Brooks Chapel are subsidizing the cost for Brooks members. The purpose of the event is to provide families with an opportunity to enrich their relationships.

Lt. Gen Charles Coolidge Jr., AFMC vice commander, will be the guest speaker. Others participating include Lt. Gen. John Hopper Jr., Air Education and Training Command vice commander, H. B. London, vice president of "Focus on the Family" and Danny Byrum, Christian musician.

To sign up or for more information, contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dennis McCarty at 536-3824.

Choir director needed

A choir director is needed immediately for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service. The director is responsible for the entire Protestant music program including the annual Christmas and Easter cantatas. Individuals interested in applying for this position should contact Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis Hutson, senior Protestant chaplain at 536-3824 or stop by the base Chapel between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



Services Division announces annual volunteer awards

By Jan McMahon
Services Division Marketing

The 2001 Services Division Volunteer Awards were given out recently. Each volunteer attending the ceremony received a certificate of appreciation and a volunteer T-shirt.

Volunteers were recognized for their effort, energy and enthusiasm to help meet human needs. Base officials said volunteers are an important part of the community and are valuable resources who help services operate effectively, efficiently and safely.

The following individuals/or-organizations received awards.

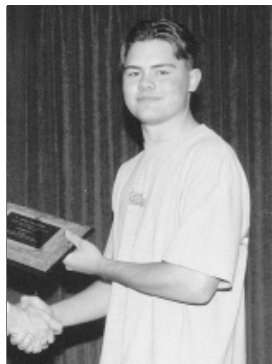
Eagle Award — highest award bestowed — Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Dodd Jr. — always keep an “eagle” eye on the base youth



Eagle Award
Brig. Gen. & Mrs. Lloyd
E. Dodd Jr.



Adult Volunteer
Evelyn Kuhn



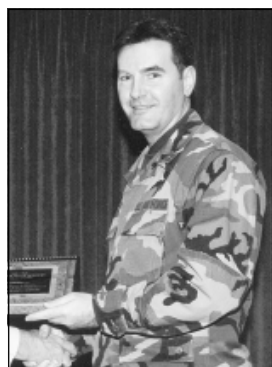
Teen Volunteer
Johnlee Miers



Sports Volunteer
Kenny Kemple



Special Events Award
Leo Silva (*Brooks Enlisted
Retirees Association*)



Organizational Award
Capt. Vic Caravello
(*Company Grade Officers
Council*)

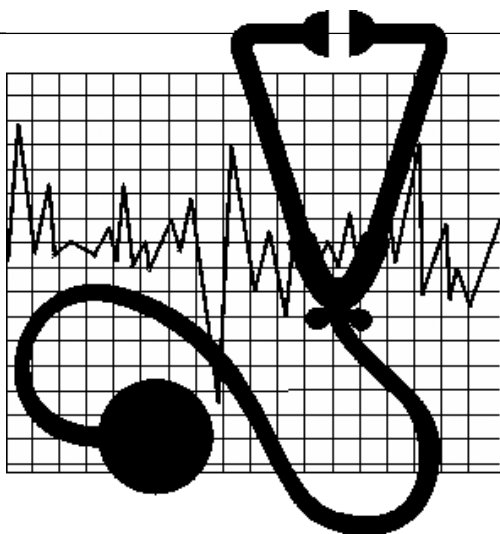
Adult Volunteer of the Year — Evelyn Kuhn — numerous hours volunteered at The FrameWorks and working with youth sports.

Teen Volunteer of the Year — Johnlee Miers — works with all youth programs.

Sports Volunteer of the Year — Kenny Kemple — helps anywhere he is needed in youth sports.

Special Events Award — Leo Silva accepted for the Brooks Enlisted Retirees Association. This organization cooks, grills, paints and puts equipment together wherever they are needed.

Organizational Award — Company Grade Officers Council — accepted by Capt. Vic Caravello for the numerous hours spent tutoring youth in the After School Program



311th Medical Squadron Clinic News

Web appointment requests

TRICARE Prime patients enrolled at the Brooks Clinic can now request “routine” (chronic issues or follow-up appointments) and “wellness” (annual check-ups/exams, preventive health assessments) appointments on-line.

Just go to the Brooks home page, www.brooks.af.mil, and click on “Clinic Appointments”.

The web-based form, when submitted, will generate an e-mail to the clinic appointment members, who will book the requested appointment, as close to the requested time as possible, and e-mail or telephone back to the requester with the appointment date and time.

This service is not designed for same-day appointment requests and should never be used to request emergency care.

Same-day appointment requests still need to be made through the clinic appointment line at 536-1847.

New Clinic Hours

The 311th MDS is implementing an extended hours dental clinic. The Dental Clinic will remain open until 5:30 p.m. Mondays. Due to decreased use of after-hours appointments and diminishing resources, in May the clinic will reduce from two extended-hours clinics per week to one per week.

Clinic hours will be: Monday, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., except holidays.

Appointment reminders

This clinic is now using an appointment reminder system to call patients one to two days before their scheduled medical appointment. This is a fully automated system and is currently being used by several larger military medical facilities. If you do not wish to be reminded of your appointment, just notify the clinic appointment desk by calling 536-1847.

Mystery patient program

The Mystery Patient Program begins this month at the clinic. Patients will randomly be called prior to their clinic appointment and asked if they would be willing to be a mystery patient and evaluate their experience at the 311th Medical Squadron.

No one in the clinic, except the customer service professional who contacted them, will know who the mystery patient is. This program will provide real-time customer feedback to improve processes and customer service.

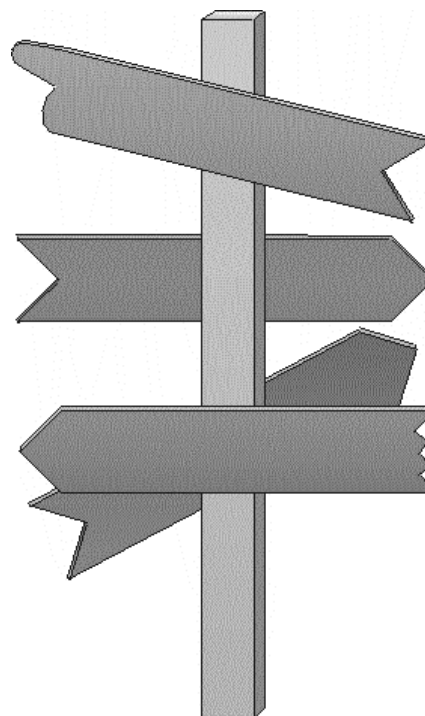
If you are interested in being a mystery patient, please call Maj. Susan Davis at 536-2087 or Staff Sgt. Lori Elkins at 536-2206.

Signs of Health, Wellness

The 311th Medical Squadron now has signs throughout the facility to make finding your way a little easier. The signs are patterned after the highway system in San Antonio. The outer circular hallway is Loop 1604, the inner circular hallway is Interstate 410. The hallway next to the pharmacy is U.S. 281. With the Air Force Medical Service emphasis on improving the health of the population and staying well vs. just treating episodic illness, the clinic staff has named the highway system “The Roads to Health and Wellness”.

The staff has also named medical related facilities on base after local towns with their geographical relationship to the main clinic building.

Bioenvironmental Engineering and Public Health (Bldg. 649) is designated as the City of Boerne, Counseling Services (Bldg. 614) is the City of Pleasanton and the Health and Wellness Center (Bldg. 805) is the City of Devine.



Three airmen among 16 killed in Vietnam helicopter crash during routine mission

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Three active-duty Air Force people were among the 16 killed in a helicopter crash in central Vietnam April 7.

Maj. Charles E. Lewis, 36, of Las Cruces, N.M., Master Sgt. Steven L. Moser, 38, of San Diego, Calif., and Tech. Sgt. Robert M. Flynn, 35, of Huntsville, Ala., were assigned to Joint Task Force-Full Accounting, based at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

The helicopter crashed during a routine mission while preparing for a recovery operation in-

volving unaccounted-for Americans lost during the Vietnam War, said Army Lt. Col. Franklin Childress, during a press conference April 7 at Camp H.M. Smith.

Since 1985, American teams, with the full support of their Vietnamese counterparts, have conducted investigations and excavations in that country. As a result, the remains of more than 600 Americans have been recovered and identified.

A board of officers is investigating the accident.



Symposium provides forum to explore aerospace power

By Maj. Steve Michael

Air Force Doctrine Center

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFPN) — Senior Air Force leaders and experts from across the Air Force completed a three-day symposium April 5 that explored how to achieve decisive effects using aerospace power.

Hosted by the Air Force Doctrine Center, 150 attendees at the gathering worked to forge consensus on significant issues the service faces and use the conclusions to improve Air Force and joint doctrine, exercises, experiments and wargames.

“This symposium was unique in its working group approach and provided a tremendous forum for senior leadership to address key warfighting issues the Air Force is facing,” said Col. Ken Holder, senior AFDC symposium organizer.

Seven panels, with 15 to 20 people each, addressed issues ranging from how to transition new warfighting concepts into Air Force and joint doctrine, to operationalizing effects based on operations.

“The panels had broad representation from diverse fields

across the Air Force — experts in their respective areas who worked together to clarify issues, deliberate them and then propose solutions and roadmaps for implementation,” Holder said.

Some of the issues examined during the symposium included how the Air Force could be better organized to execute its warfighting responsibilities in a resource-constrained environment; how to organize joint task forces to best use the decisive effects of aerospace power; command and control of space, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance forces; defining counterland operations for the 21st century; and expeditionary dispersed operations.

After thorough deliberation, the panels made recommendations and offered solutions on their respective issues.

Their conclusions and a roadmap for implementation were presented to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan and the commanders of major commands during the last session of the symposium.

“We wanted to provide a forum for innovative thinking and give General Ryan some



Photo by Gary Ell

A KC-10A Extender from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., and a B-2 Spirit, from Whiteman AFB, Mo., fly in formation during a training exercise. While the KC-10's primary mission is aerial refueling, it can combine the tasks of tanker and cargo aircraft by refueling fighters while carrying the fighters' support people and equipment during overseas deployments.

thoughts on how to tackle several of the key challenges facing the Air Force in the near term,” said Maj. Gen. Lance Smith, AFDC com-

mander. “The (symposium) served as the instrument to do just that. We have started a flight path for the future. Now the hard work begins as

we validate the approved solutions and establish accepted best practices that will transform the way we operate and fight.”



Perez

Q&A

FULL NAME:

Amando R. Perez Jr.

DUTY TITLE, ORGANIZATION:

Safety and occupational health specialist, 311th Human Systems Wing Safety Office

WHAT IS MY JOB?:

I help manage the wing commander's safety program by inspecting work-places, training personnel on safety programs, investigating mishaps, serving as a safety consultant and to include being a friend to everyone.

BIRTHDAY:

Aug. 25, 1956

HOMETOWN:

Alice, Texas

FAMILY STATUS:

Divorced, with three daughters, 22, 19 and 12. I'm a Mr. Mom.

NICKNAME I CALL MYSELF:

"Mando"

MOTTO:

Quote from President Kennedy — "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

INSPIRATIONS:

Watching the beauty of our world; rivers, seas, plants and wildlife, especially wolves.

BOOK AT BEDSIDE:

"Bible"

I JOINED CIVIL SERVICE BECAUSE:

To serve my country and be next to my military reserve job.

IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I'D:

I would enjoy a vacation and invest the money in a home and IRA. I'd help my daughters and parents and donate to charitable organizations.

FAVORITE MUSIC:

Pop, jazz, rock, country, Tejano, Indian and German

FAVORITE ACTOR:

Tom Cruise

FAVORITE ACTRESS:

Julia Roberts

LAST MOVIE WATCHED:

"Dinosaurs"

MY GREATEST

ACCOMPLISHMENT IS:

Following my parents who are my greatest teachers.

MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSIONS ARE:

My daughters and parents.

Brooks Personality PROFILE

Safety, discipline a way of life for Amando Perez Jr.

By Cerise Fenton

311th Human Systems Wing Public Affairs

For Amando Perez Jr., his position as a safety and occupational health specialist in the 311th Human System Wing Safety Office isn't just a job, it's an extension of the discipline that governs every aspect of his life.

In 1979 he joined the Air Force as a supply technician and later cross-trained into safety. After six years on active duty he transferred to the reserves. For the next five years, he worked as a safety manager in the private sector in Corpus Christi and commuted to San Antonio for his reserve duty at the 433rd Air Lift Wing at Kelly Air Force Base.

Finally, in 1990 there was a job opening. Under the Air Reserve Technician program, he became a civil service employee of the 433rd during the week and a reservist there on the weekends. But a civil service promotion was on the horizon in 1999.

In order to accept it, however, he would have to transfer to Brooks and transition into straight civil service, and traditional reserve duty. He accepted the position since it would allow him to still serve his country, and stay connected to his reserve job. January marked his one-year anniversary.

Perez was raised on a working ranch in Alice, Texas, about two hours south of San Antonio. Working next to his parents and grandparents to make the ranch a success is, he believes, at least partly responsible for planting his values. Being a 'country boy' he said taught him discipline and responsibility. His parents, who he regards as his greatest teachers, taught him honesty, hard work, respect, decency and loyalty. He has spent his life expanding on those values.

Now, as a single father to his three daughters he strives to instill in them the lessons he learned as a child. He holds them to a higher standard and expects the same respect and discipline he demands of himself. He hopes that when they're his age, they will have done more and made even better lives for themselves than he has.

"I believe you have to strive to do well for yourself in order to achieve your dreams," he said. No matter what else they do he hopes his children will pursue education.

Perez is reaching out to local children who may not have anyone to teach them those values too, through the Texas Youth Commission. As a mentor he hopes to set an example and change the direction of the troubled youths he works with. The challenge lies in making a

difference in their lives without bringing them into his personal life. For safety's sake, he must keep a certain distance from them.

"Only my best friends know that I stand ready to go the extra mile to help others," he said.

When he's not working, putting in extra time for his reserve unit, volunteering as a mentor or playing Mr. Mom, Perez teaches Defensive Driving classes.

"People just don't understand how easy it is to have an accident," he said. "They don't understand how delicate humans are and how easily you can be injured." Unfortunately, he added, there's usually only one chance to learn, and then it's too late.

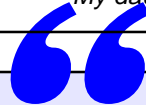
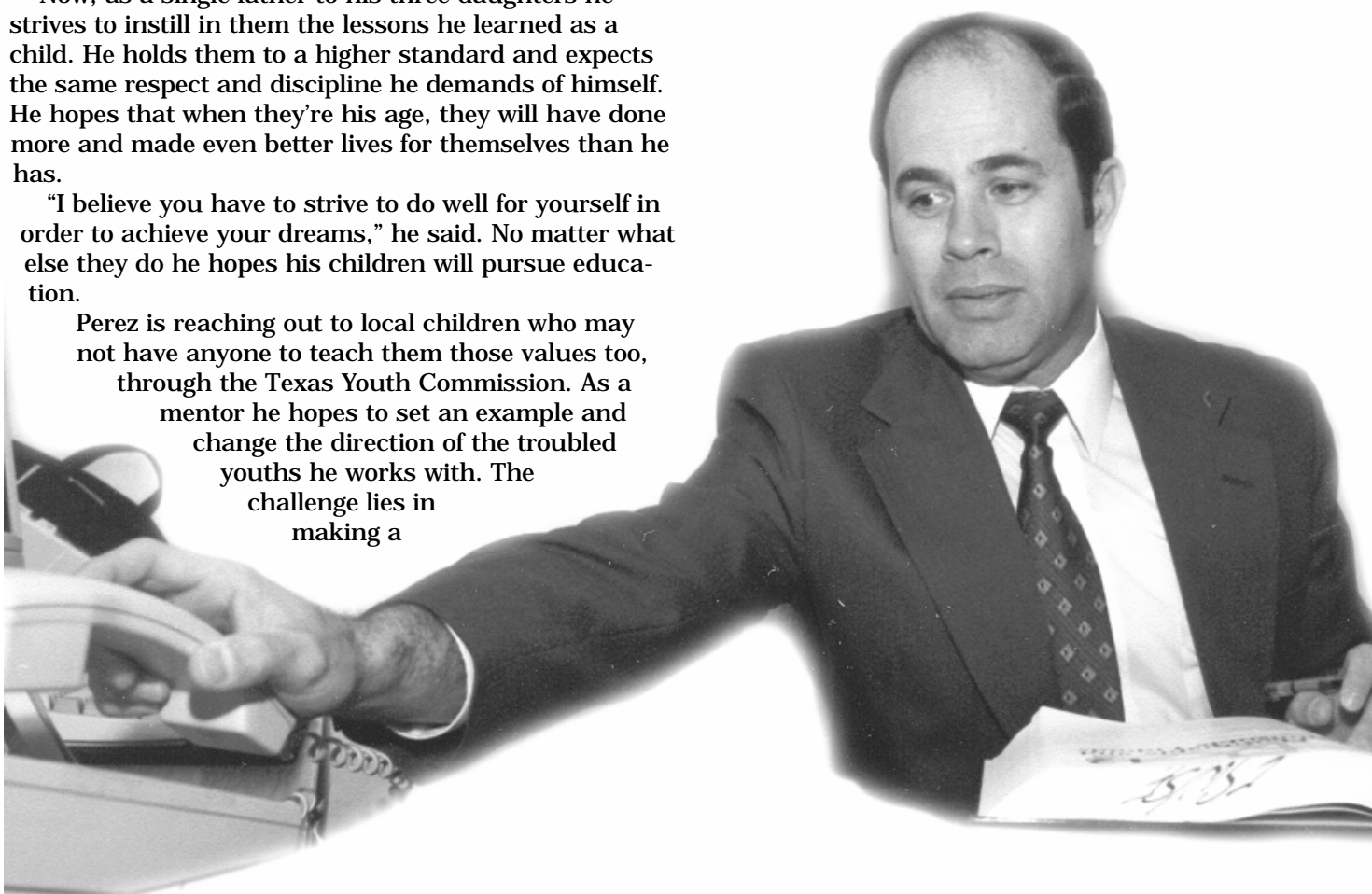
Although Perez knows that the Safety Office isn't always very popular, it doesn't make him any less aggressive at work. He has more than 17 years of experience in the safety field and takes his job very seriously. Since his duties include inspections and investigating mishaps, as well as training and consulting on safety programs, the job can be very demanding.

"We're one of the first ones they call when a mishap occur," he said. "People want to know what happened and why we didn't correct it. It's called liability."

Despite the fact that he can't see the tangible results of his job Perez goes home each night with a feeling of satisfaction, 'knowing that maybe, just maybe, I have prevented someone from injuring themselves, or worse.'

For him that's enough. Perez plans to continue his safety career in civil service and the reserves, and go as far as he can in both. Someday he may retire. Although he hasn't given it much thought he admits he'd like to settle in a small community not too far from the conveniences of the city and enjoy the life he built. It will have to be a quiet, safe community though.

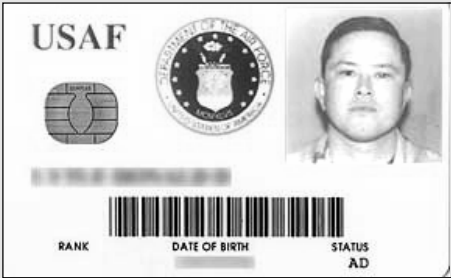
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I believe that the way I treat others is the way they would treat me.

— Amando Perez Jr.





Air Force tests new ID card

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AFPN) — People at four active-duty Air Force installations and an Air National Guard unit are currently testing the Department of Defense's new identification card, known as the Common Access Card.

Test sites for the new ID card are Langley Air Force Base, Va.; Lackland AFB; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and the Air National Guards's 203rd Red Horse Squadron in Virginia Beach, Va.

The CAC replaces the standard military identification card and will eventually be issued to about 4 million active-duty military, Selected Reserve, DoD civilians, and eligible contractors.

In addition to being the new Geneva Convention ID card, Air Force officials

said the CAC will also be the principal card used for physical access to buildings and controlled spaces and for logical access to unclassified computer networks and systems.

The new card is about the size of a credit card and contains an integrated circuit chip, bar codes, magnetic strip, color digital photograph, and printed information.

The CAC will enable cardholders to digitally sign e-mail, encrypt information and establish secure Web sessions to access and update unclassified information via the Internet.

These provisions are intended to enhance individual privacy in the Department as computerized systems replace paper-based systems, said Col. Thomas Zuzack, chief of the networks division, Headquarters Air Force. The CAC will play a key role in the information assurance defense-in-depth strategy for sensitive but unclassified information, said Zuzack.

Smart card technology has been in use by the Air Force for several years, primarily in pilot projects and concept demonstrations, Air Force officials said. The Air Force and DoD will leverage the capabilities of these projects as they now work to integrate the card with many of the Air Force's standard systems and processes currently in use.

DoD plans to have the CAC implemented by October 2002.

Eligible military members get choice of retirement plans

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Opting for a 20-year 50-percent retirement under High-3 or taking the Career Status Bonus of \$30,000 and staying with REDUX at 40 percent is a choice that Air Force people, who initially entered the service Aug. 1, 1986, or later, will have to make beginning this August.

This opportunity to elect retirement plans was a result of the 2000 National Defense Authorization Act, said Maj. Jeff Keef, chief of military estate and special pay policy at the Pentagon.

"The legislation, designed to provide all servicemembers with the same retirement benefits, transferred all members from the REDUX retirement to the more generous High-3 system," Keef said.

"However, at their 15th year of active duty, these members may instead elect to receive a \$30,000 CSB and retire under the REDUX retired pay system."

The basic eligibility requirements for electing and receiving the Career Status Bonus are:

- have a Date Initially Entered Military Service of Aug. 1, 1986, or later;
- be on active duty with 15 years of active uniformed service;
- meet eligibility requirements to remain on active duty through 20 years of

service to include: not having an approved date of separation; no pending court-martial or administrative discharge; and not being subject to any quality force conditions that would prevent continued service to 20 years.

Current Active Guard/Reserve status members and some non-AGR members may at times become eligible, if offered an opportunity to serve on continuous active duty until completion of 20 years of service.

Preliminary notification has already been made to the first Air Force people eligible for the CSB, Keef said. Normally, people will be notified on or before the date a person completes 14 years and six months of active duty.

Those eligible who want to elect the bonus must complete a written CSB agreement that states the person will remain on continuous active duty until the completion of 20 years total active federal military service.

"Under most circumstances any CSB recipient who fails to serve on active duty to (his or her) 20th year must repay a prorated amount of the \$30,000," he said.

If a member is not eligible for the bonus, the notification will explain why not and will inform the member whether there will be an opportunity to make a CSB/REDUX election in the future.

“I started out as a radio repairmen helper ... I repaired radios for B-25s, O-46s and O-47s.”

— Tyler Smith

Their Brooks Field memories remain vivid after more than a half century since they first witnessed the aviation activities of a by-gone era. Wandering around Hangar 9's cavernous environs rekindled in Tyler Smith and Dr. Joel Halbert thoughts of their youth spent here during the busy days before and during World War II.

“I lived close to the base on Roosevelt Ave. I use to come out here all the time,” said 73-year-old Halbert, who as a 14-year-old frequently visited the various hangars.

The retired San Antonio podiatrist recalls the hey day of dirigible operations, often visiting the huge balloon hangar located out in the middle of the flight line. “I remember men shaping huge pieces of balsa wood used to repair the wing tips of airplanes,” Halbert explained.

Halbert was responsible for persuading long-time family friend and former Brooks Field worker Smith into participating in a sort of mini-reunion at Hangar 9. The 87-year-old Smith hadn't been back to Brooks since he and his father worked here in the 1940s.

“I fought the battle of Brooks Field,” joked Smith, who served here as a civil service employee in charge of the radio repair shop. His father Joel worked at Brooks as chief gardener, following a long career as a Southern Pacific Railroad timekeeper.

“My father and I would ride together on his horse and hack (rig) from Presa Street. I had to hang a ladder from the rear of the rig so we wouldn't be hit by passing cars,” Smith noted.

He said his father used a horse-drawn plow to plant flowers and vegetables at Brooks Field, which in the 1940s was sparsely populated and featured World War I and II wooden buildings.

Neither Smith nor Halbert considered an aviation career, despite having spent a large part of their youth around Brooks Field. Halbert later joined the Merchant Marine, while Smith dropped out of Hot Wells School at 17 to pursue a career in Vaudeville.

“I went to New York and Boston and was in Vaudeville at the tail end of it,” Smith said, describing the decline of the entertainment medium in the 1930s. “I was a small-time performer. I got the idea for my act from a fellow Vaudevilian country singer. I would play two miniature harmonicas (tucked) inside my cheeks while smoking a

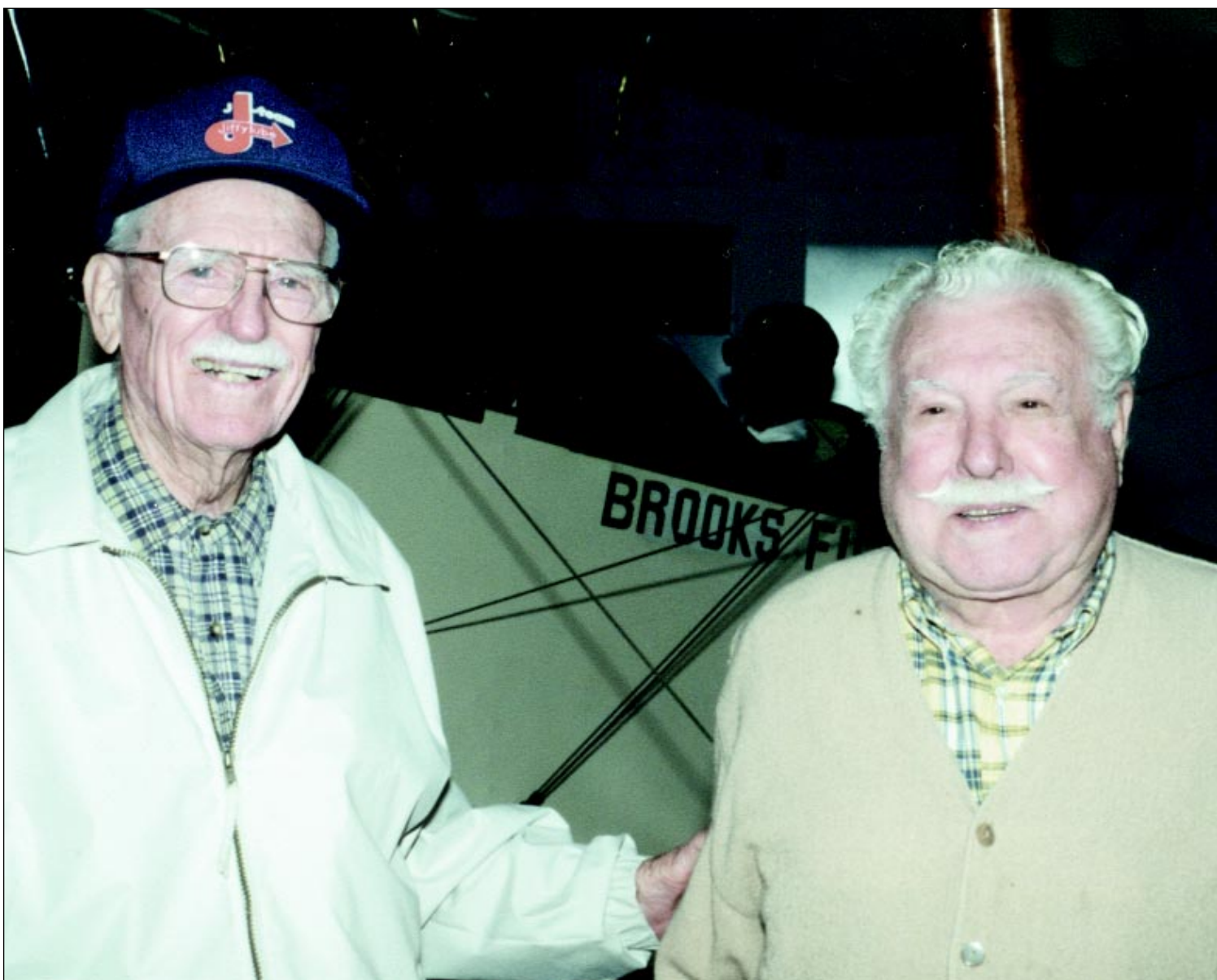


Photo by Rudy Purificato

Tyler Smith (left) and Dr. Joel Halbert rekindle memories of their Brooks Field days during a recent visit to Hangar 9.

Old friends rekindle Brooks Field memories at Hangar 9 reunion

By Rudy Purificato

311th Human Systems Wing

cigarette while (also) playing my guitar,” he said.

For 10 years Smith performed as “Texas Bill” mainly in small smoke-filled speakeasies during the last years of Prohibition. “At the Roxy Theater in New York I met and became friends with Tex Ritter,” Smith said of the country music legend who also played the Vaudeville circuit. “The first five years of my (entertainment) career was fun. The last five seemed more like work,” Smith said, explaining that he ended that career as host of a Fort Lauderdale, Fla. radio show in 1941.

Smith was eventually drafted, but a childhood accident that had left him with one leg shorter than the other, prevented him from serving in the military. Instead, Smith began his 34-year civil service career as a radio repairman at Kelly Field in 1942. In January 1943, he was reassigned to Brooks Field.

“I started out as a radio repairmen helper,” Smith noted. He eventually became shop foreman. Smith recalls initially working here in a WWI warehouse, site of the radio repair shop. “They (eventu-

ally) built a new radio and parachute shop inside one of the hangars,” he said.

Ironically, Smith's last work site before transferring to Kelly Field was Hangar 14, selected in the early 1960s to be the only WWI-era hangar to be preserved at Brooks. It was later destroyed by fire, allowing Hangar 9 to be preserved.

“I repaired radios for B-25s, O-46s and O-47s,” Smith said of his tenure here from 1943-1946. He said Brooks Field then served as one of the Army Air Corps' observation and navigation flight training bases. Besides repairing radios, Smith frequently flew on training flights to monitor and make adjustments to radio compasses and radio altimeters. He said, “Radio altimeters could tell you how far off the ground you were.”

As for returning to Brooks after a long hiatus, Smith and Halbert appeared to be “on cloud nine” while visiting Hangar 9. They said Hangar 9 is exactly like the other hangars they previously frequented when the old flight line featured more than a dozen of them lined up in a crescent-shaped row.

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— Dr. Joel Halbert



Fiesta San Antonio 2001 is just days away. Here is a schedule of public events. Those marked with an (*) are free for spectators. Several events charge admission. See the box below for ticket prices. For complete Fiesta San Antonio information, call 227-5191 or (877) 723-4378; or visit the website: www.fiesta-sa.org.

April 20

* 8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Multicultural Conference "The Ethnic Community in History" — <i>San Antonio College, McCreless Theater</i>
*10 a.m.-11 a.m.	Fiesta San Antonio Official Opening Ceremony — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Latin American Art - debut of Private Treasures, Public View II — <i>S.A. Museum of Art</i>
* 10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Randolph Art League Exhibit & Sale — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	"Sounds of Fiesta" Exhibit — <i>Witte Museum</i>
*10 a.m.-9 p.m.	Beautiful Fiesta Gowns of the Past — <i>North Star Mall</i>
*10 a.m.-midnight	Fiesta del Mercado — <i>Market Square</i>
*11 a.m.-1 a.m.	Fiesta Carnival — <i>Dolorosa St. between Flores & Santa Rosa</i>
*12:30 -5:30 p.m.	Legends & Heroes Golf Classic — <i>Randolph AFB</i>
4 p.m.-11 p.m.	Hermann's Happiness — <i>Hermann Sons Lodge Grounds, 525 S. St. Mary's Street</i>
5 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	Fiesta Oysterbake — <i>St. Mary's University</i>
5 p.m.-midnight	Fiesta de Tejas — <i>UT Health Science Center Campus</i>
5 p.m.-2 a.m.	La Gran Jamaica — <i>S. Frio & W. Houston Streets</i>
7 p.m.-midnight	San Antonio State School's Western Round-up Dinner & Dance — <i>Pearl Brewery's Jersey Lilly</i>
8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Fiesta Pops with Mariachi Cobre — <i>Majestic Theater</i>
8 p.m.-12:30 a.m.	Incognito: Fiesta's Masked Ball — <i>La Villita Assembly Hall</i>

April 21

*7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Caminada de Fiesta 10K Volksmarch — <i>Fort Sam Houston & San Antonio Botanical Garden, Army Medical Dept. Museum, Stanley Road & Harry Wurzbach</i>
*8 a.m.-7 p.m.	San Antonio Women's Fiesta Soccer Tournament — <i>Retama Polo Center</i>
*8:15 a.m.-noon	Fiesta Mission Run 10K/Kid's Run — <i>Mission County Park</i>
*9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Walk Across Texas — <i>San Antonio Botanical Society</i>
9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Zeta Phi Beta Fiesta Intra-City Track Meet — <i>Sam Houston High School</i>
*9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Fiesta Lacrosse Tournament - <i>St. Mary's Hall</i>
*9 a.m.-4 p.m.	San Antonio State School's Western Round up — <i>San Antonio State School</i>
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Bird Mart — <i>Live Oak Civic Center</i>
*10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Paseo del Rio Association's Children's Festival — <i>Riverwalk between Chamber of Commerce & River Center Mall</i>
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Latin American Art- debut of Private Treasures, Public View II — <i>S.A. Museum of Art</i>
*10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Randolph Art League Exhibit & Sale — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	"Sounds of Fiesta" Exhibit — <i>Witte Museum</i>
10 a.m.-6 p.m.	Fiesta Arts Fair — <i>Southwest School of Art and Craft</i>
*10 a.m.-9 p.m.	Beautiful Fiesta Gowns of the Past — <i>North Star Mall</i>
*10 a.m.-midnight	Fiesta Del Mercado — <i>Market Square</i>
11 a.m.-5 p.m.	Scout Country Fair — <i>McGimsey Park, N.W. Military Highway</i>
*11 a.m.-5 p.m.	Earth Day — <i>Woodlawn Lake Park</i>
11 a.m.-5 p.m.	Monticello Park Historic District Tour of Homes — <i>Monticello Park Historical District</i>
11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	Fiesta Oysterbake — <i>St. Mary's University</i>
11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Fiesta Ole Style Show & Luncheon — <i>Oak Hills Country Club, 5403 Fredericksburg</i>
Noon-5 p.m.	Miss Margaret's House Tour — <i>409 E. Guenther</i>
Noon-midnight	A Taste of New Orleans — <i>Sunken Gardens</i>
*Noon-1 a.m.	Fiesta Carnival — <i>Dolorosa St., between Flores & Santa Rosa</i>
*3 p.m.-midnight	Pinatas in the Barrio — <i>1327 Guadalupe</i>
4 p.m.-11 p.m.	Hermann's Happiness — <i>Hermann Sons Lodge Grounds</i>
5 p.m.-2 a.m.	La Gran Jamaica — <i>S. Frio & W. Houston Streets</i>
7 p.m.-midnight	Victorian Gala Ball — <i>Gunter Hotel, 205 E. Houston</i>
7:30 p.m.-8 p.m.	Investiture of King Antonio LXXIV — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
*7:45-midnight	Partiotic and Historic Ball — <i>La Villita Assembly Hall, (free, but ticket controlled)</i>
8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Fiesta Pops with Mariachi Cobre — <i>Majestic Theater</i>
8:30-midnight	El Rey Feo LIII Reception — <i>Hyatt Regency San Antonio</i>



April 22

*8 a.m.-9 a.m.	Fiesta Mariachi Mass — <i>San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza</i>
*8 a.m.-7 p.m.	San Antonio Women's Fiesta Soccer Tournament — <i>Retama Polo Center</i>
*10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Randolph Art League Exhibit & Sale — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
*10 a.m.-midnight	Fiesta del Mercado — <i>Market Square</i>
*11 a.m-8 p.m.	"Fiesta de la Familia" — <i>St. Gregory's Church, 700 Dewhurst</i>
Noon-5 p.m.	Fiesta Arts Fair — <i>Southwest School of Art & Craft</i>
Noon-5 p.m.	Miss Margaret's House Tour — <i>409 E. Guenther</i>
Noon-5 p.m.	Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Latin American Art- debut of Private Treasures, Public View II — <i>S.A. Museum of Art</i>
Noon-5 p.m.	"Sounds of Fiesta" Exhibit — <i>Witte Museum</i>
*Noon-6 p.m.	Beautiful Fiesta Gowns of the Past — <i>North Star Mall</i>
Noon-11p.m.	A Taste of New Orleans — <i>Sunken Gardens</i>
*Noon-midnight	Fiesta Carnival — <i>Dolorosa St., between Flores & Santa Rosa</i>
*1 p.m.-5 p.m.	Fiesta Funday Sunday — <i>Leon Springs Dance Hall, IH-10 West at Leon Springs Exit</i>
1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	A Day in Old Mexico and Charreada (Charreada at 3 p.m.) — <i>6126 Padre</i>
*2 p.m.-3 p.m.	This Hallowed Ground — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Fiesta Musical with Mariachi Cobre — <i>Majestic Theater</i>
*4 p.m.-9 p.m.	Fort Sam Fiesta — <i>Fort Sam Houston</i>
5 p.m.-2 a.m.	La Gran Jamacia — <i>S. Frio & W. Houston Streets</i>
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Dance Kaleidoscope — <i>St. Philip's College, Watson Fine Arts Auditorium, 1801 Martin Luther King Drive</i>
*9 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Fort Sam Fireworks — <i>MacArthur Field</i>

April 23

*10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Randolph Art League Exhibit & Sale — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
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10 a.m.-5 p.m.	"Sounds of Fiesta" Exhibit- Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway
*10 a.m.-9 p.m.	Beautiful Fiesta Gowns of the Past — <i>North Star Mall</i>
*10 a.m.-midnight	Fiesta del Mercado — <i>Market Square</i>
*11 a.m-12:15 p.m.	Air Force at the Alamo — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Fiesta Fashion Show — <i>University of the Incarnate Word, Alice McDermott Convocation Center, 4301 Broadway</i>
Noon-5 p.m.	Miss Margaret's House Tour — <i>409 E. Guenther</i>
*1 p.m.-6 p.m.	Woman's Club Flower Show — <i>Woman's Club of San Antonio, 1717 San Pedro</i>
*4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Pilgrimage to the Alamo — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
5 p.m.-2 a.m.	La Gran Jamaica — <i>S. Frio & W. Houston Streets</i>
*6 p.m.-midnight	Fiesta Carnival — <i>Dolorosa St., between Flores & Santa Rosa</i>
*7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Texas Cavaliers' River Parade — <i>San Antonio Riverwalk</i>

April 24

*8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Children's Texas History Forum — <i>Alamo Hall</i>
*10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fiesta River Art Show — <i>San Antonio Riverwalk</i>
*10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Randolph Art League Exhibit & Sale — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
*10 a.m.-9 p.m.	Beautiful Fiesta Gowns of the Past — <i>North Star Mall</i>
10 a.m.-9 p.m.	Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Latin American Art — <i>debut of Private Treasures, Public View II- S.A. Museum of Art</i>
10 a.m.-9 p.m.	"Sounds of Fiesta" Exhibit — <i>Witte Museum</i>
*10 a.m.-midnight	Fiesta del Mercado — <i>Market Square</i>
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	All-Star Salute to Secretaries — <i>Sheraton Four Points Riverwalk North, 110 Lexington</i>
Noon-5 p.m.	Miss Margaret's House Tour — <i>409 E. Guenther</i>
*1 p.m.-6 p.m.	Woman's Club Flower Show — <i>Woman's Club of San Antonio, 1717 San Pedro</i>
5 p.m.-2 a.m.	La Gran Jamaica — <i>S. Frio and W. Houston Streets</i>
5:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	A Night In Old San Antonio (NIOSA) — <i>La Villita</i>
*6 p.m.-midnight	Fiesta Carnival — <i>Dolorosa St., between Flores & Santa Rosa</i>
*7 p.m.-10 p.m.	Mariachi Festival — <i>San Antonio Riverwalk</i>
*7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.	Fiesta In Blue (Air Force Musical Extravaganza) — <i>Trinity University, Laurie Auditorium, (free, but ticket controlled)</i>
9 p.m.	Cornyation 2001 — <i>Empire Theater, 226 N. St Mary's</i>

April 25

*9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	Lackland's Fiesta Military Parade — <i>Lackland Air Force Base Parade Grounds</i>
*10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Senior Fiesta — <i>South Park Mall</i>
*10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fiesta River Art Show — <i>San Antonio Riverwalk</i>
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Latin American Art — <i>debut of Private Treasures, Public View II — S.A. Museum of Art</i>
*10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Randolph Art League Exhibit & Sale — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
*10 a.m.-9 p.m.	"Sounds of Fiesta" Exhibit — <i>Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway</i>
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*10 a.m.-midnight	Fiesta del Mercado- Market Square, 514 W. Commerce
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Woman's Club Style Show & Luncheon — <i>Marriott Riverwalk, 711 E. Riverwalk</i>
Noon-5 p.m.	Miss Margaret's House Tour — <i>409 E. Guenther</i>
*2 p.m.-4 p.m.	Fiesta Teenage Queen Coronation — <i>Marriott Riverwalk, 711 E. Riverwalk</i>
5 p.m.-midnight	Fiesta Gartenfest — <i>Beethoven Garten, 422 Pereida/S. Alamo</i>
5 p.m.-2 a.m.	La Gran Jamaica- S. Frio & W. Houston Streets
5:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	A Night In Old San Antonio (NIOSA) — <i>La Villita</i>
*6 p.m.-midnight	Fiesta Carnival — <i>Dolorosa St., between Flores & Santa Rosa</i>
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8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Cornyation 2001 — <i>Empire Theater, 226 N. St. Mary's</i>
8 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	Coronation of the Queen of the Order of the Alamo — <i>Municipal Auditorium</i>

April 26

*9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Celebrating Seniors — <i>1400 Guadalupe</i>
*9 a.m.-6 p.m.	San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society Show & Sale — <i>San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels</i>
*10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fiesta River Art Show — <i>San Antonio Riverwalk</i>
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Latin American Art - debut of Private Treasures, Public View II — <i>S.A. Museum of Art</i>
*10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Randolph Art League Exhibit & Sale — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	"Sounds of Fiesta" Exhibit — <i>Witte Museum</i>
*10 a.m.-8 p.m.	St. Philip's Culture Fest — <i>St. Philip's College</i>
*10 a.m.-9 p.m.	Beautiful Fiesta Gowns of the Past — <i>North Star Mall</i>
*10 a.m.-midnight	Fiesta del Mercado — <i>Market Square</i>
*11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Navy Day at the Alamo — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
Noon-5 p.m.	Miss Margaret's House Tour — <i>409 E. Guenther</i>
*Noon-6 p.m.	American Red Cross Fiesta Golf Tournament — <i>Golf Club of Texas, 13600 Briggs Ranch</i>
*Noon-2 a.m.	VFW #76 10th Street River Fest — <i>10th Street and Avenue B</i>
*3 p.m.-4 p.m.	Marines at the Alamo — <i>Alamo Plaza</i>
*5 p.m.-9 p.m.	Family Fiesta — <i>Colonial Hills United Methodist Church, 5247 Vance Jackson</i>
5 p.m.-midnight	Fiesta Gartenfest — <i>Beethoven Garten, 422 Pereida at S. Alamo</i>
5 p.m.-2 a.m.	La Gran Jamaica — <i>S. Frio & W. Houston Streets</i>
5:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	A Night In Old San Antonio (NIOSA) — <i>La Villita</i>
6 p.m.-10 p.m.	Festival De Amigos — <i>Commander's House, 647 South Main at Durango</i>
*6 p.m.-midnight	Fiesta Carnival — <i>Dolorosa St., between Flores & Santa Rosa</i>
*6 p.m.-midnight	Fiesta San Fernando — <i>115 Main Plaza</i>

6:30 p.m.	Battle of Flowers Band Festival Prelude — <i>Alamo Stadium</i>
7 p.m.-9 p.m.	Battle of Flowers Band Festival — <i>Alamo Stadium</i>
*7 p.m.-10 p.m.	Mariachi Festival — <i>San Antonio Riverwalk</i>
7 p.m.-10 p.m.	Navy Fiesta Reception — <i>Holiday Inn Riverwalk</i>
8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Cornyation 2001 — <i>Empire Theater, 226 N. St. Mary's</i>

April 27

*9 a.m.-6 p.m.	San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society Show & Sale — <i>San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels</i>
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Latin American Art — debut of Private Treasures, Public View II — <i>S.A. Museum of Art</i>
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	"Sounds of Fiesta" Exhibit — <i>Witte Museum</i>
*10 a.m.-9 p.m.	Beautiful Fiesta Gowns of the Past — <i>North Star Mall</i>
*10 a.m.-midnight	Fiesta del Mercado — <i>Market Square</i>
*11 a.m.-1 a.m.	Fiesta Carnival — <i>Dolorosa St., between Flores & Santa Rosa</i>
*11:30 a.m.	Battle of Flowers Parade Vanguard — <i>Parade Route</i>
Noon-5 p.m.	Miss Margaret's House Tour — <i>409 E. Guenther</i>
*Noon-midnight	Fiesta San Fernando — <i>115 Main Plaza</i>
*Noon-2 a.m.	VFW #76 10th Street River Fest — <i>10th Street and Avenue B</i>
12:45 p.m.-5 p.m.	Battle of Flowers Parade — <i>Parade Route</i>
1 p.m.-10 p.m.	Fiesta World Class Jazz Concert — <i>St. Mary's University</i>
5 p.m.-11 p.m.	Arts San Antonio's Center Stage at Fiesta — <i>Sunken Garden Theater</i>
5 p.m.-midnight	Fiesta Gartenfest — <i>Beethoven Garten, 422 Pereida/S. Alamo</i>
5 p.m.-2 a.m.	La Gran Jamaica — <i>S. Frio & W. Houston Streets</i>
5:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	A Night In Old San Antonio (NIOSA) — <i>La Villita</i>
*7 p.m.-10 p.m.	Fiesta Square Dance — <i>Ramada Inn & Conference Center, Laurel Room, 10811 IH-35N</i>
*7 p.m.-10 p.m.	Mariachi Festival — <i>San Antonio Riverwalk</i>

April 28

8 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Fiesta Pooch Parade — <i>Alamo Heights Swimming Pool, 250 Viesca</i>
*8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fiesta Grande Bicycle Challenge — <i>Camp Bullis</i>
8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fiesta Jazz Band Festival — <i>St. Mary's University, University Center</i>
*8:30 a.m.-noon	KC Fiesta 5K Run for Charity — <i>Brackenridge Park</i>
*9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Respite 500 Race — <i>TBA</i>
*9 a.m.-6 p.m.	Fiesta Rugby Tournament — <i>Brooks Park, 3606 Goliad Road</i>
*9 a.m-6 p.m.	San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society Show & Sale — <i>San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels</i>
*10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Conference on Healthy Choices — <i>St. Philip's College, Heritage Room, 1801 Martin Luther King Drive</i>
10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Growing Up Female Workshop — <i>TBA</i>
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Latin American Art - debut of Private Treasures, Public View II — <i>S.A. Museum of Art</i>
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	"Sounds of Fiesta" Exhibit — <i>Witte Museum</i>
*10 a.m.-6 p.m.	King William Fair — <i>King William Historical District</i>
*10 a.m.-9 p.m.	Beautiful Fiesta Gowns of the Past — <i>North Star Mall</i>
*10 a.m.-1 a.m.	Fiesta del Mercado — <i>Market Square</i>
11 a.m-6 p.m.	Festival de Animales — <i>San Antonio Zoo, 3903 N. St. Mary's</i>
Noon-5 p.m.	Miss Margaret's House Tour — <i>409 E. Guenther</i>
*Noon-midnight	Fiesta San Fernando — <i>115 Main Plaza</i>
*Noon-1 a.m.	Fiesta Carnival — <i>Dolorosa St., between Flores & Santa Rosa</i>
*Noon-2 a.m.	VFW #76 10th Street River Fest — <i>10th Street and Avenue B</i>
5 p.m.-2 a.m.	La Gran Jamaica — <i>S. Frio & W. Houston Streets</i>
5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m.	Consejo Reception — <i>TBA</i>
*6:20 p.m.	Fiesta Flambeau Fandango 3 Mile Run — <i>Parade Route</i>
*6:50 p.m.	Fiesta Flambeau Junior Vanguard — <i>Parade Route</i>
7:35 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	Fiesta Flambeau Parade — <i>Parade Route</i>

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*8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fiesta Grande Bicycle Challenge — <i>Camp Bullis</i>
10 a.m.-Midnight	Fiesta del Mercado — <i>Market Square</i>
*11 a.m.-8 p.m.	Mission San Jose Spring Fiesta — <i>San Jose Mission, 701 E. Pyron Avenue</i>
Noon-5 p.m.	Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Latin American Art - debut of Private Treasures, Public View II — <i>S.A. Museum of Art</i>
Noon-5 p.m.	"Sounds of Fiesta" Exhibit — <i>Witte Museum</i>
*Noon-6 p.m.	Beautiful Fiesta Gowns of the Past — <i>North Star Mall</i>
Noon-6 p.m.	Bowie Street Blues Festival — <i>Institute of Texan Cultures, 901 W. Bowie Street</i>
Noon-10 p.m.	Fiesta Crawfish Festival — <i>Sunken Garden Theater</i>
*Noon-10 p.m.	Fiesta San Fernando — <i>115 Main Plaza</i>
Noon-10 p.m.	St. Luke's Fiesta Finale — <i>St. Luke's Catholic Church, 4603 Manitou Street</i>
*Noon-midnight	Fiesta Carnival — <i>Dolorosa St., between Flores & Santa Rosa</i>
*Noon-2 a.m.	VFW #76 10th Street River Fest- 10th Street and Avenue B
*1 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	All Veterans' Memorial Service — <i>Veterans Square, Municipal Auditorium Circle</i>
1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	A Day in Old Mexico and Charreada (Charreada at 3 p.m.) — <i>6126 Padre</i>
*2:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Sticky Wickets Annual Celebrity Croquet Tournament — <i>Blessed Sacrament Academy, 1135 Mission Road</i>
*4 p.m.-5 p.m.	Music from St. Mark's: Celebrating Its Music and Heritage — <i>St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 315 E. Pecan Street</i>
4 p.m.-8 p.m.	Reina de la Feria de las Flores Reception — <i>Pearl Brewery's Jersey Lilly, 312 Pearl Parkway</i>
5 p.m.-2 a.m.	La Gran Jamaica — <i>S. Frio & W. Houston Streets</i>

Ticket Information

Texas Cavaliers' River Parade — April 23
Parade Ticket Line (210) 227-4837
Prices: \$8 to \$20

Night in Old San Antonio (NIOSA) — April 24-27
511 Paseo de la Villita
(210) 226-5188
Prices: \$8 at the gate
\$7 pre-sale
\$2 children 12 & younger

Battle of Flowers Parade — April 27
Parade Ticket Line (210) 822-2929; 377-0201
Purchase tickets at the Fiesta Store, 2611 Broadway, San Antonio (Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. -6 p.m.)
Alamo Grandstands, Cenotaph Stands, Alamo Central — \$10
Alamo Street bleachers/north (Travis/Houston) — \$10
Alamo Street bleachers/south (Crockett/Commerce) — \$10
Plaza bleachers — \$10
Maverick bleachers — \$8
Broadway bleachers — \$8

Fiesta Flambeau Parade — April 28
Parade Ticket Line (210) 733-9141; 377-0316
Purchase tickets at the Fiesta Store, 2611 Broadway, San Antonio (Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. -6 p.m.)
Locations and prices same as the Battle of Flowers Parade



Easter Happenings

Lunch with the Easter Bunny at Sidney's, Bldg. 714, Saturday, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy hot dogs, chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese and french fries for only \$1.25 per item. Play Bunny Bingo noon-1 p.m. Be a lucky winner and receive a prize from the bunny! Have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny for only \$3. Photos make great gifts for grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends.

After lunch and bingo "hop" over to the Youth Center for the annual Easter egg hunt. This event starts promptly at 2 p.m. in the area adjacent to the Youth Center, Bldg. 470. All children must bring their own baskets.

Areas will be roped off for age groups: 1-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-12 years. Special eggs will be located in each area. Boys and girls finding these

lucky eggs should take the slip of paper in the egg to one of the center staff members and exchange it for a prize.

Youth Services Center
Bldg. 470, 536-2515

To help promote the "Year of the Family," the Youth Services Center will hold a county fair, April 28, 3-8 p.m. in the area adjacent to the center. There will be midway games, competition events, team games, kid's crafts, face painting, carnival rides, finger painting, a white elephant sale, bubbles table, door prize drawings, and more.

Refreshments will include funnel cakes, cotton candy, snow cones and numerous other items. The Mountain Dew Glow Truck will make an appearance during the event. There will be special surprises throughout the event. Bring the entire family.



By Jan McMahon
Community newswriter
536-5475

Sidney's
Bldg. 714, 536-2782

Treat the entire family to an Easter Buffet Sunday at Sidney's. There will be two seat-

ings: noon-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Prices are \$6.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children 10 years and younger. There's sure to be something for everyone.

Annual base picnic

The annual base picnic will be held June 8, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the picnic grounds. The next picnic meeting is scheduled for April 18 at 8:30 a.m. in Bldg. 1154. The theme for this year's event is "Families-Present and Present," in honor of the Year of the Family.

All participating organizations are encouraged to select a family to honor and to decorate their booth and dress according to their theme.

There is still time to select a food or game booth. Call the Services Marketing Office staff at 536-5475/2407 for more details on booths and games, or stop by Bldg. 1154.

The FrameWorks
Bldg. 1154, 536-2120

The FrameWorks has new hours beginning April 16. The shop will be open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Collect Fiesta memorabilia and let The FrameWorks showcase your medals and souvenirs in a shadow box. Framed Fiesta posters, postcards and a Fiesta shadow box will be on display during April in the center.

Also this month, receive a 15 percent discount on framed Fiesta posters or postcards. Create a Fiesta shadow box and receive a 10 percent discount. Specials are valid through April 30.

This month, receive a 10 percent discount when you pay in full for an item, framing or engraving, at the time you place an order. Orders can be paid by cash, check, charge or IMPAC card.

Easter egg hunt

April 14
2 p.m.
Brooks Youth Center
Bldg. 470
Kids, bring your own baskets and find the lucky eggs!

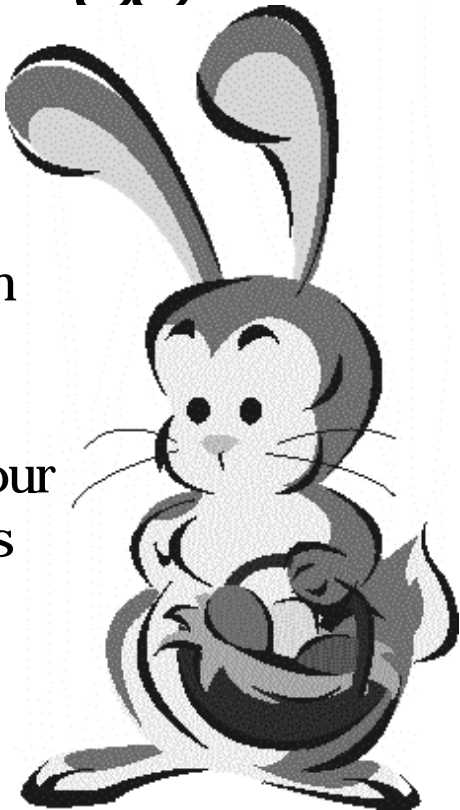






Photo by Master Sgt. Tammy Cournoyer

Dr. (Lt. Col.) Mark Richardson, an orthopedic surgeon from Wilford Hall Medical Center, checks on 6-year-old Ana Maritza the day after her surgery in a Honduran hospital. Ana Maritza is recovering from a severely infected broken leg. Richardson was part of an 11-member orthopedic specialty team who spent two weeks in Honduras to help perform much-needed surgery on children there.

Medical team helps injured children in Honduras

By Master Sgt. Tammy Cournoyer

Air Force Print News

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — One did not have to look hard to see the broken windows, cracked walls, peeling paint and leaking overhead water pipes. The Americans were not here to fix the structure, but to help the injured children housed in the dilapidated hospital's orthopedic ward.

An 11-member surgical team, led by Dr. (Lt. Col.) Raymond Stefko, recently left the comforts and cleanliness of Wilford Hall Medical Center to lend a hand at the main training hospital in Honduras.

Gaining invaluable training in austere environments, various medical specialty teams from Wilford Hall travel to Central America each year to hone their wartime skills. The orthopedic team for this mission was composed of orthopedic surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses and orthopedic technicians.

"Personnel get invaluable training in learning how to deploy with medical assets," Stefko said. "They learn about the logistics, transportation issues, force protection issues, health protection issues, the whole range of problems that can develop with putting on a mission this size."

The team left San Antonio with enough medical supplies such as instrument sets, dressings, syringes and catheters to hopefully last two weeks.

Besides gaining deployment skills, team members also faced medical cases not normally seen in the United States.

Team doctors and anesthesiologists spent their first full day in a cramped, stifling hot room screening nearly 50 children for potential surgery. Surrounded by local doctors, they saw many children suffering from "club feet," a birth condition that causes the feet to turn inward, and others with severely broken bones, some made worse by raging infection.

"Everything here is subject to infection," said Dr. (Lt. Col.) Mark Richardson, an orthopedic surgeon at Wilford Hall.

Richardson attributed many of the severe broken legs and arms to the fact that children in Honduras seem to fall from much greater heights than children in the United States. The reason is because Honduran children often climb higher up into trees to pick fruit.

This was his first humanitarian mission to Honduras and Richardson was looking

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Dr. (Lt. Col.) Mark Richardson
orthopedic surgeon
Wilford Hall Medical Center

forward to gleaning valuable training from the challenging cases.

"In two days here, you see more than you would see in the United States in an entire career," Richardson said. "We learn from our experiences here, and hopefully we can share at least one good technique with the Honduran doctors."

"The professional exchange is great," said Honduran Dr. Ricardo Aviles, who works with JTF-Bravo and serves as the team's official liaison. "Out of need and lack of resources, you become innovative about what you do and how you handle situations."

As anxious as the team was to get busy and share techniques with the Honduran medical staff, Honduran parents were even more anxious to have their children seen by the Americans.

"I have the impression that the American doctors are excellent," said Isabel Dominguez through a translator. It was obvious that her life was not easy. Her 10-month-old daughter, Alejandra, was born with club feet and had already had one operation when she was only 3 months old on her right foot which was still in a cast.

Team members spent nearly 12 hours a day in two surgical suites using their skills to help as many children as possible. During their two-week stay, they screened 92 patients and performed 102 procedures on 56 patients.

"These children are all beautiful," said Richardson, a father of eight. "Seeing them like this can break your heart."

"Being able to help these people has been so rewarding and makes you feel good," said Staff Sgt. Jason Mills, an orthopedic technician. "It's great to be able to make a difference."

And Mills has learned one thing for sure: "If I get sick or injured and need to go to the hospital, I hope it's in the United States."



Sports



Intramural golf tees off with record-tying field

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

Twelve teams last week began their quest for the base intramural golf championship when the fitness center launched the new season under a format that truly levels the playing field.

"This is the most teams we've had in a long while. We've had 12 teams before, but I think the new format has attracted a lot more interest," said Elaine Cushing, fitness center program director in charge of intramural sports.

A two-person Florida Scramble, used during the 2000 season, has been a real hit with golfers. "It's not best ball, it's match play. There are no handicaps and there is a lot less pressure on players. It's more fun," Cushing said.

Teams are composed of four members, plus reserves. Each team is further divided into two-somes who earn one point per match they win. The top four teams advance to a single elimination tournament in August.

The Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence will attempt to 'three-peat' as league champions. Last year, they won their second consecutive intramural crown with a one-stroke victory on the first hole in sudden death against the Air Force Institute of Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis.

AFCEE's team features a few returning veterans from their championship squad including E.G.

Willard and player-coach Dave Holguin. AFIERA, led by veteran player-coach Chris McClaren, will be among the top contenders again this year along with the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine led by veteran player-coach Ted Burgess, who is the defending base champ.

The remaining field includes the Air Force Research Laboratory, 311th Human Systems Program Office, Systems Acquisition School, 68th Intelligence Operations Squadron, 311th Communications Squadron, 311th Security Forces Squadron and Services, the latter led by veteran player-coach and 1999 base champ Jose Valadez. New teams competing for the first time include the Air Force Medical Operations Agency and the 311th HSW/Financial Management.

Intramural golf matches are held on Wednesdays, with tee time at 4 p.m.



Courtesy photo

The Brooks women's volleyball team and their coach, Jose Murrillo, are all smiles after capturing second place at Air Force Materiel Command volleyball tournament.

Brooks volleyball women finish second at AFMC

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

The overachieving Brooks women's volleyball squad nearly won the Air Force Materiel Command championship, however, ended up as both runners-up and the 'Cinderella' team of the tournament held April 3-6 at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

Sweeping their last five opponents by winning 15 consecutive match games was not enough for Brooks to overcome an opening round match loss to eventual champion Robins AFB, Ga.

"We beat Robins in the first game of the tournament, then lost the next two games and the match," said Brooks coach Jose Murillo about his combined Brooks-Kelly AFB squad. Robins went on to sweep every other team, ending with a final tourney record of 20-1. "We were the only team to beat them," Murillo said.

This year's tourney format featured a 21-game schedule among the eight competing teams. Unlike past years when the top four squads advanced to a championship playoff round, this year's champ was determined by the best win-loss record. Brooks' 18-3 record was a major achievement for a team that was eliminated after the first round of tournament play last year with a 0-6 record.

"It was a whole team effort. They were ready for anything. They never lost site of the ball on defense, and on offense we had some powerful hitters," Murillo said.

While Murillo said the entire team contributed to their success, it was the offensive play of the squad's three Kelly members who really made Brooks a tourney contender. Playing in their last tournament before their base is closed this year, Kelly's Suzzana Torres as setter and Jennifer Kylander and Tammy Miller as strong hitters played their hearts out. Their 'swan song' was nearly a perfect blend of power and balance as the threesome led Brooks to successive 3-0 routs of Kirtland, Hanscom AFB (Mass.), Wright-

Patterson AFB (Ohio), Eglin AFB (Fla.) and Tinker AFB (Okla.).

In retrospect, Robins turned out to be Brooks' most formidable opponent. However, Brooks had some trouble with last year's AFMC champ Edwards AFB. After losing their first match to Robins 2-1, Brooks beat their next opponent Edwards two games to one.

"Robins had a real strong team," Murillo said, admitting that they had not scouted them in advance to determine their weaknesses. After losing to Brooks in the opening game, however, Robins made adjustments.

In lieu of their near miss of winning a championship, the Brooks squad regained respect and a reputation as a contending squad that was lost a year ago during their humiliating performance as AFMC tourney host. Brooks had once enjoyed a reputation as a women's volleyball powerhouse, having captured consecutive AFMC championship titles in 1996 and 1997.

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Brooks women's volleyball coach



SPORTS SHORTS



MDS golf

The 311th Medical Squadron holds a Florida scramble golf tournament from 8 a.m.-noon, April 28 at the Brooks Golf Course.

Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m.

Only 64 individual players can compete for a total of 16 teams, so register early. Entry fee is \$25 per person and includes greens fee, cart and lunch.

To sign up or get additional information, call Capt Risa Riepma at 536-4159 or email risa.riepma@brooks.af.mil or call Staff Sgt. Tracy Washington at 536-5147 or email tracy.washington@brooks.af.mil.

Softball tourney

The 13th annual "Weekend Bash" softball tournament is June 23-24 in Tucson, Ariz. Champions walk off with their choice of new gloves or bats.

The top four teams will receive awards. If you have an intramural squad that wishes to compete, call Greg Manning at (520) 228-5478.

Registration opens online for Air Force Marathon

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — Online registration continues for runners interested in participating in the fifth annual U.S. Air Force Marathon Sept. 22.

To register, visit the marathon Web page and click on the "register information" button. Payment is by credit card only.

Entrants who provide a valid e-mail address will receive a confirmation e-mail within two weeks of registration. Confirmation cards will be sent through the U.S. Postal Service to those registrants who do not provide a valid e-mail address.

Entry deadline is Sept. 5. Registrations received after Aug. 15 may not receive a confirmation. Changes to team composition will not be made after Sept. 12.

For more information, call the U.S. Air Force Marathon office at (937) 257-4350.



Hill Country fly fishing

The sixth annual Texas Fly Fishing and Outdoor Show is inviting all fly fishermen and wannabes to join fellow enthusiasts May 19-20 in Louise Hays Park in Kerrville, Texas.

Two days of canoe and kayak river trips, demonstrations, classes and exhibits; two days of fly fishing the Guadalupe River, classes and lectures on all aspects of Texas fresh and saltwater fly fishing are scheduled. Lots of equipment and destination exhibitors await attendees on this island in the Guadalupe River.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 14 and younger. There is camping available in the park. Class schedules and advance registration is available on the show website at:

www.pico-outdoor.com.

Show hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. May 19 and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. May 20. Call (800) 256-5873 or fax (800) 895-4344 for more information.



Photo by Lary McTighe

The U.S. Air Force is advertising on the Wood Brother's car #21 during the 2001 NASCAR Winston Cup Series. Elliott Sadler drives the Motorcraft Ford Taurus (shown above at Las Vegas Motor Speedway). Air Force recruiters are at many events during pre-race activities. A full schedule of NASCAR events can be found on the Air Force's recruiting Web site: <http://events.airforce.com/calendar.htm?event=motor>.

Air Force teams up with Sadler, NASCAR Winston Cup Series

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — Now involved in the No. 1 spectator sport in the country, the Air Force and NASCAR entertain more than 6.5 million fans annually in stadium-packed grandstands throughout the nation.

The #21 Motorcraft Ford Taurus — driven by Elliot Sadler — will run in 36 races in the 2001 NASCAR Winston Cup Series offering Air Force fans a chance to celebrate every time Sadler's #21 car takes the checkered flag.

To view the Air Force's latest involvement in high speed entertainment, check out the #21 car at:

www.sadlerfanclub.com.

Check the listings below for dates on NASCAR races and cheer the Air Force on.

April

April 1 Texas Motor Speedway
April 8 Martinsville Speedway
April 22 Talladega Superspeedway
April 29 California Speedway

May

May 5 Richmond International Raceway
May 19 Lowe's Motor Speedway
May 27 Lowe's Motor Speedway

June

June 3 Dover Downs International Speedway
June 10 Michigan International Speedway
June 17 Pocono Raceway
June 24 Sears Point Raceway

July

July 7 Daytona Internat'l Speedway
July 15 Chicagoland Speedway
July 22 New Hampshire International Speedway
July 29 Pocono Raceway

August

Aug. 5 Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Aug. 12 Watkins Glen International
Aug. 19 Michigan International Speedway
Aug. 25 Bristol Motor Speedway

September

Sept. 2 Darlington Raceway
Sept. 8 Richmond International Raceway
Sept. 16 New Hampshire International Speedway
Sept. 23 Dover Downs International Speedway
Sept. 30 Kansas Speedway

October

Oct. 7 Lowe's Motor Speedway
Oct. 14 Martinsville Speedway
Oct. 21 Talladega Superspeedway
Oct. 28 Phoenix International Raceway

November

Nov. 4 North Carolina Speedway
Nov. 11 Homestead-Miami Speedway
Nov. 18 Atlanta Motor Speedway

Photo by Staff Sgt. Sabrina Johnson



Lining up the putt

This golfer lines up his putt during the April 6 Fiesta Golf Tournament at the Brooks Golf Course. Fourteen teams competed in the tourney.

